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CRYPTIC PETAIN SPEECH

"We shall again perhaps have to defend our colonies," said Marshal Petain addressing students at Aix-en-Provence Military Academy yesterday.

"IF ANY NEW ADVENTURES SHOULD EVER BE UNDERTAKEN I HOPE WE SHALL FACE THEM WITH THE SAME ENERGY AND VIGOUR AS WAS SHOWN IN SYRIA."

"We are obliged to protect our colonies and the whole of our Colonial Empire on which our neighbours have their eyes."

"We must be able to defend it, and we must be ready for all eventualities." — Reuter.

THAILAND POLICY

IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT TENSION IN THE FAR EAST, IN WHICH JAPANESE INTENTIONS REGARDING INDO-CHINA AND THAILAND ARE THE SUBJECT OF KEEN WORLDWIDE SPECULATION, SPECIAL IMPORTANCE ATTACHES TO THE LATEST PRO- NOUNCEMENT ON FOREIGN POLICY OF THE THAI PREMIER, LUANG PIBUL SONG-GRAM.

Bidding farewell to the official Thai delegation proceeding to Battambang to take over Indo-China territory ceded under the Tokyo Treaty, the Premier strongly emphasised Thailand would continue to adhere to strict neutrality. — Reuter.

Capitulation By Vichy Expected

JAPAN'S ULTIMATUM DEMANDING MILITARY OCCUPATION OF ALL INDO-CHINA AND THE USE OF CAMRANH BAY AS A JAPANESE NAVAL BASE HAS SWIFTLY SWITCHED THE FOCAL- POINT OF INTERNATIONAL INTEREST FROM THE RUSSIAN BAT- TLEFIELDS TO THE FAR EAST.

Sense of gathering crisis increased this morning with a flood of messages from all quarters indicating that a forcible warning has been given to the Japanese Ambassador in Washington, and that mobilisation in Japan is proceeding to its maximum scale.

FRENCH SHIPPING FORBIDDEN TO LEAVE INDO-CHINA

According to travellers arriving in Singapore yesterday all French merchant shipping has been forbidden in the last four or five days to leave Indo-China harbours. They added no reason was given. — Reuter.

"MINISTER FOR THE GERMAN EAST"

Alfred Rosenberg, Nazi specialist on Eastern questions, has been chosen "Minister for the German East," according to an unconfirmed report from the Berlin correspondent of the Zurich newspaper "Die Tat." — Reuter.

Next development cannot be predicted, despite reports that Japan will "move against Indo-China" to-morrow. There are reports that Vichy is resisting the Japanese demands, but there are also indications that the ground is being prepared for capitulation under duress.

No authoritative indication is forthcoming of the course of action likely to be pursued by Britain and the United States in the event of French acceptance of Japan's demands, but that close contact is being maintained between the two governments is officially announced.

The Franco-Japanese talks were the subject of a semi-official announcement made in Vichy last night but it contains no reference to a Japanese ultimatum to Indo-China.

The announcement says: "The conversations begun in two recent visits paid to Admiral Darlan by the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Somatsu Kato, are continuing by an intermediary of the Japanese diplomatic representation at Vichy."

"At the same time, Admiral Decoux, Governor-General of Indo-China, has several times received Major-General Sumita, head of the Japanese mission."

"There interchanges of view are taking place within the framework of the agreements concluded a year ago between France and Japan."

The press of unoccupied France so far has remained silent on the question.

Call-Up In Japan

The Japanese are carrying out military mobilisation on a scale never seen before, according to reports reaching Shanghai to-day.

Thousands of conscripts previously classified as unfit for active service have been mobilised, it is stated, while many who had been discharged after service in China have again been called up.

Members of the Japanese community in Shanghai have also been called up and are leaving for Japan.

Reports received in Chungking state that three classes of reservists have already been mobilised in Japan while motor vehicles are being requisitioned.

ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT JAPAN WILL MOVE AGAINST FRENCH INDO-CHINA ON FRIDAY.

WARNING BY COL. KNOX

There is "no question" but that recent developments in the Far East, including the Japanese censorship, meant new military developments in that area, said Col. Frank Knox, U.S. Navy Secretary, at a press conference in Washington yesterday.

"I LOOK FOR MOVEMENT OUT THERE — AND VERY SOON," SAID COL. KNOX, BUT HE DECLINED TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE DIRECTION OF THE MOVE.

"None can tell at this point whether it will go north or south," he said.

In reply to a question Col. Knox said the United States Pacific Fleet was in a position to do whatever was necessary to carry out American policy in the Far East. — Reuter.

U.S. NAVAL SHORE FACILITIES

The \$224,000,000 Bill for additional naval shore facilities passed the House of Representatives yesterday and has been sent to the Senate, says Reuter from Washington.

SIGNS OF TENSION IN JAPAN

SIGNS OF GROWING tension in the Far East were reported yesterday in a Shanghai despatch to the official Vichy news agency.

This says it was learned yesterday that foreigners who recently arrived at Nagasaki to spend a holiday in Japan were not allowed to go to a certain summer resort on the coast.

All Japanese shipping companies, the despatch says, announced yesterday morning that "because of the present situation" they would stop indicating the movements of their ships.

Another announcement stated that travellers from Tokyo to

the Manchukuo port of Dairen could only take small suitcases with them.

Reason was to save space and make it possible to cope with the "considerable increase in the number of travellers going to Manchukuo." — Reuter.



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AMERICA READY FOR ACTION

Japanese Embassy Announces "Agreement" In Vichy Hints Of Indirect Counter Moves

THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, ANNOUNCING LAST NIGHT THE RECEIPT OF AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT JAPAN AND VICHY HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT OVER INDO-CHINA, DECLINED TO GIVE THE ORIGIN OF THE REPORT.

A Japanese demand probably concerning Camranh was expected in Washington by a number of observers, but the demand covering the occupation of the whole country came as a surprise.

Discussion of the possible demands has already taken place among officials and legislative leaders in anticipation of the Japanese action.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that joint Anglo-American economic measures have already been planned against any Japanese aggressive move.

Three moves considered likely among well-informed Washington commentators are:—
THE STOPPING OF UNITED STATES GOLD PURCHASES,
THE FREEZING OF JAPANESE ASSETS, AND
A COMPLETE EMBARGO ON ESSENTIAL EXPORTS TO JAPAN.

Already it has been reported that Japanese gold shipments are so much above normal that it is likely Japan has been acting as intermediary to purchase dollars for the Nazis with German gold.

Indo-China Attitude

The possibility of China assisting Indo-China if she resists is felt to be impracticable in Wash-

ington as the railway linking Indo-China and Yunnan Province has been torn up on the Chinese frontier for some time past and the movement of materials and men through such mountainous country is considered impossible.

On the other hand the Chinese have made military expeditions in impossible terrain before now.

JAPANESE ACTION, IF AND WHEN IT BEGINS, IS EXPECTED TO BE CHIEFLY NAVAL, AFTER WHICH TROOPS MIGHT BE LANDED AT SAIGON AND IN AREAS AROUND CAMRANH.

Close observers believe Japan has chosen this moment in a manner which suggests Axis timing thinking that President Roosevelt is likely to do little while he is trying to get the Selectees Extension Bill through Congress.

Japan's Motives

It is believed in Washington that Japan is acting in her own interests rather than those of the Nazis who may benefit incidentally.

It is also suggested Japan, rightly or wrongly, feels that action against Indo-China is the maximum of aggressiveness which can be undertaken without rousing America and Britain to take up arms against her and if it is successful it would bring her within better striking distance of Singapore and the Dutch East Indies should a promising opportunity occur to attack those places later.

IT SEEMS CERTAIN, HOWEVER, THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE SOME ACTION.

A high State Department official in private conversation is reported to have said recently that America was "prepared" if Japan moved aggressively against Indo-China.

Further Strain

Mr. Sumner Welles, when he saw the Japanese Ambassador last night, is believed to have told him that a result of Japanese aggression in Indo-China or elsewhere will be a further strain on American-Japanese relations.

The Japanese Ambassador is an infrequent visitor at the State Department and the news of his call comes at a time when there are increasing signs that America is preparing to give new notice to Japan on the threat of military moves in the Pacific where, as Mr. Welles was expected to make clear to the Japanese envoy, the United States is vitally interested in the maintenance of peace.—Reuter.

ALLIED SHIP SUNK

The destruction in the north Atlantic of the Norwegian cargo steamer "Vigrid," reportedly two days ago, was disclosed in maritime circles in New York yesterday.

Unofficially, it is reported the vessel was carrying Red Cross nurses to England.—Reuter.

HOME GUARDS ORGANISATION IN BURMA

The Governor of Burma yesterday issued an ordinance providing for the establishment of Home Guards.—Reuter.

PROUD SHARE OF INDIA

"ON BEHALF OF THE ARMY COUNCIL I WISH TO EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION OF THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE INDIAN TROOPS TO THE SUCCESS OF THE OPERATIONS IN SYRIA," SAYS CAPTAIN MARGESSON, SECRETARY FOR WAR, IN A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE VICEROY OF INDIA YESTERDAY.

Capt. Margesson added that the supreme effort of the Indian brigade at Damascus was, in co-operation with the Free French, decisive in the capture of that city while the speed and dash shown by the column advancing from Iraq into north-eastern Syria were powerful factors in bringing the campaign to an early conclusion.

The Viceroy replied: "Your message of appreciation is deeply valued in India. We are all proud of the share the Indian troops had in the Syrian operations and count it a privilege that units of the Indian Army were able to play a worthy part."—Reuter.

DAYLIGHT BOMBER ATTACKS

Blenheim bombers were out both yesterday morning and afternoon searching for enemy shipping off the coast of France and the Low Countries, states an Air Ministry communique.

During these operations one coastal vessel was sunk and another damaged.

Other Blenheims, escorted by a strong force of fighters, bombed objectives near St. Omer early in the afternoon.

British fighters encountered a number of enemy fighters and destroyed five of them.

British losses in all these operations were five bombers and five fighters but the pilot of one of the fighters is safe.—Reuter.

No To Be Drawn

SIR VICTOR WARRENDER, PARLIAMENTARY AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO THE ADMIRALTY, REFUSED TO BE DRAWN INTO DETAILS WHEN QUESTIONED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY ON U-BOAT LOSSES.

"While I regret that I am unable to give details of recent activities against U-boats, I can state that results lately achieved have been encouraging."—Reuter.

JAPANESE ENVOY GIVEN WARNING BY AMERICA

MR. SUMNER WELLES, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, received the Japanese Ambassador in Washington, Admiral Nomura, last night.

It was believed Mr. Welles was likely to tell the Ambassador that any military move against Indo-China or elsewhere will cause an even further deterioration in American-Japanese relations.

After the meeting with Mr. Welles, which lasted 30 minutes, Admiral Nomura told pressmen that he hoped feeling "between our two countries will become better and better."

It is understood Admiral Nomura discussed the Far East situation, especially Indo-China, but he declined to make any observations on that question to the press, merely saying he had "approached the subject from our side."

Panama Position

Admiral Nomura also said he discussed the question of Japanese ships being unable to pass through the Panama Canal and he stated the ships could not remain at the Canal "permanently."

Eight or ten ships had gone to the south and would go round South America.

Mr. Welles told him that the Canal was closed indefinitely to merchant shipping for repairs.—Reuter.

DUKE'S VISIT TO CANADA

THE DOMINIONS OFFICE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED LAST EVENING THAT WITH THE KING'S APPROVAL THE DUKE OF KENT WILL SHORTLY BE PROCEEDING TO CANADA FOR A BRIEF VISIT.

The Duke is greatly interested in the Commonwealth air training plan and is desirous of seeing for himself some of the air training establishments where pilots and air crews are being trained.

The proposal has been warmly welcomed by the Canadian Government and the Royal Canadian Air Force.—Reuter.

Something Different---

THE "Overland China Mail," weekly edition of the "China Mail" and containing all local news from the "Hong Kong Sunday Herald," has made a change in its policy.

Far Eastern news will not now be contained in this edition, which will be devoted entirely to reports of local happenings.

The change has been prompted by local residents in Australia, and in order to give them complete coverage of local activities Far Eastern news has been sacrificed.

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Germans Thrown Back From The Outskirts Of Smolensk

RUSSIANS STILL IN CONTROL OF SITUATION

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Russia)

SMOLENSK, KEY CITY ON THE RUSSIAN CENTRAL FRONT, IS AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN IN RUSSIAN HANDS, I LEARN ON GOOD AUTHORITY IN MOSCOW, DESPITE GERMAN PROPAGANDA CLAIMS, LATER SUPPORTED BY THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND, THAT SMOLENSK WAS CAPTURED LAST WEDNESDAY.

SOVIET'S POISON GAS CHARGES

Further details concerning the contents of secret documents detailing instructions for the use of poison gas which, Soviet Russia claims, were seized from routed German soldiers at Zapadnaia - Psychna on July 15, have now been disclosed.

According to the Russian authorities, the captured packets were sealed and stamped by the German High Command and addressed to the 2/52 Nebel Merger Regiment.

The high series number of one of the enclosed documents indicate that similar instructions had been issued to a great number of other regiments.

Detailed explanations here the date July 11 and were concerned with the use of "withering" irritant gas shells, the purpose of which was to wear down the physique of an opponent, and then the use of blue ring and green ring gas shells containing vesicant (blistering) and other lethal gases. — Reuter.

SOVIET SINKS 10 NAZI SHIPS

Ten enemy ships, it is now learned, were sunk when Soviet bombers attacked an enemy convoy, states the official Soviet news agency.

Five ships were sunk by Soviet destroyers.

The convoy was apparently intercepted in the Baltic when proceeding north. Soviet fighters on patrol flashed back news of the presence of the enemy ships. Soviet bombers repeatedly attacked the ships while destroyers shelled the transports. The enemy vessels exploded and sank. — Reuter.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS BACK IN LONDON

General Meollov and Col. Dragun, two members of the Russian military mission, returned to London last night after a visit to Moscow to report to the Soviet Government, says Reuter from London.

It is true that German advance units reached the outskirts of Smolensk some days ago but they were driven away.

Soviet communiques rightly continue to speak of "fighting in the direction of Smolensk."

A new impression is gaining ground among competent observers that the second big German offensive, directed mainly against Smolensk, is exhausting itself owing to the formidable Soviet resistance, by supply difficulties, intensified by the great distances to be covered, and frequent effective interference by Soviet guerrilla units.

In addition the Russians have set up many obstacles on the various but not numerous Smolensk to Moscow roads.

Hopeless Task

While such obstacles somewhat hamper the Soviet's own present communications with the front, they may be regarded as one reason why the Germans are beginning to realise that a frontal attack towards Moscow is a hopeless task and why they are endeavouring to explain to the German public that not Moscow but "the destruction of the Soviet army" before Moscow, is their immediate objective.

The whole situation in the Leningrad sector is more obscure.

German Thrust

The Russians do not believe that the German thrust across the highly fortified Karelian Isthmus or around Lake Ladoga, with its difficult lake and waterway-cut terrain, can succeed.

A DANGER TO LENINGRAD IS ONLY POSSIBLE FROM THE SOUTH-WEST BUT THE MAIN SOVIET TROOPS IN THIS SECTOR ARE HOLDING ON GRIMLY AROUND PSKOV AND THE POSITION OF THE GERMANS HERE IS NOT UNLIKE SMOLENSK.

In any case the whole region between Pskov and Leningrad, and also between Tallinn and Leningrad along the coast, is largely composed of forests and marshes with few roads.

Soviet Communique

A Soviet communique issued last night by the Soviet Information Bureau announced:

"During July 23 stubborn battles against the enemy were waged in the Polotsk-Nevel, Smolensk and Zhitomir directions and on the Bessarabian sector of the front.

"At one point of the Bessarabian front our forces routed an enemy motorised regiment, capturing 400 cars, 300 motorcycles, 32 armoured cars, 25 guns, eight mine-throwers and other armaments.

"Our air force during July 23 delivered concentrated blows upon enemy mechanised units and aircraft on aerodromes."

Finnish Claim

The German-Finnish advance from Salla is now proceeding rapidly, having passed the boggy land, according to the Stockholm newspaper "Aftonbladet" correspondent at Helsinki yesterday.

The advance is evidently directed at Kandalaks with the object of cutting the Russians off from Murmansk. It is believed the attacking forces are now within 45 miles of Kandalaks. — Reuter.

Greece Too Big Handful

The fate of Greece is forming the chief subject of Italo-Bulgarian conversations which are taking place in Rome, according to the Rome correspondent of the "Tribune de Geneve."

The correspondent says: "Italy, which is finding the occupation of Greece a pure burden owing to war devastation and economic disorganisation is obliged to husband her own resources in view of the expectation of a very hard winter."

"Italy is therefore proposing that Bulgaria should share the task of keeping Greece alive and reconstructing the country." — Reuter.

INVITATION TO U.S. CONGRESSMEN

AN INVITATION HAS BEEN SENT BY TELEGRAM TO U.S. CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE BODY TO ENGLAND AS THE GUESTS OF THE BRITISH GROUP OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION AND THE BRITISH COUNCIL TO OBTAIN A FIRST-HAND IMPRESSION OF BRITISH LIFE IN ALL ITS ASPECTS UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS.

The telegram, which is signed by Sir Malcolm Robertson, Chairman of the British Council, and Colonel Arthur Evans, Chairman of the British Group, suggests the deputation might travel either by some of the bombers coming to Britain or by sea. — Reuter.

SOVIET MISSION SEES MR. EDEN

The Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Maitsky, accompanied by Lt. Gen. Golikov, who has just returned from Moscow, as well as Admiral Kharlamov, had a talk with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, yesterday afternoon, says a Reuter report from London.

SMOLENSK STILL IN RUSSIAN HANDS

Reuter's special correspondent learned reliably in Moscow yesterday that Smolensk has always been and still is in Russian hands.

German Call-Up For Army

The invasion of Russia has greatly increased Germany's labour difficulties, according to a statement by the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London last night.

Since the beginning of the year the Nazis have been faced by a growing shortage of workers, and industrial workers from all over the Continent are being sucked into the vacuum created by the intended call-up in Germany.

A considerable new call-up for the army began in January and continued until March.

Even the more specialised workers from armament factories were mobilised and only a few key men of military age remain in agriculture, which has been left mainly to old men, women and children, foreign labourers and prisoners of war.

There are about 380,000 in building industries and these, it was stated, are mainly engaged in repairing what the R.A.F. knocks down because foreign workers are always placed in the most dangerous spots. — Reuter.

VENGEANCE SOARS INTO ACTION

Smashing a glass wand filled with oxygen across the propeller hub of a new dive-bomber for Britain, Lady Halifax, wife of the British Ambassador, declared at Los Angeles yesterday:—

"I christen thee Vengeance, the newest 'V' in Britain's campaign for victory."

The dive-bomber, which is a low-wing monoplane, camouflaged, then roared off, climbed to 6,000 feet and went into a descending dive to 1,000 feet while Vulture aircraft workers cheered.

Lady Halifax spoke briefly, reassuring the workers that "Britain is going to finish the job we started to do." — Reuter.

STALIN'S WAR CABINET

Stalin has added another Vice-Commissioner of Defence to the group he has gathered around him, bringing the total up to six. The new Commissioner is M. Peresipkin, who was formerly Commissioner of Posts and Telegraphs. — Reuter.

DR. LANG ON AID TO RUSSIA

"We must wish every success to the valiant Russian armies and people in their struggle and be ready to give them every possible assistance," writes the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Canterbury Diocesan Gazette.

It may seem strange to combine "an alliance with Bolshevik Russia with the claim that we are contending for Christian civilisation," says the Primate, but such misgivings are really misplaced for the first essential of the struggle is to overthrow the evil embodied in the rulers of Germany.

A Nazi victory would destroy any tolerable form of government and the Soviets are contending for the principles of national freedom and independence. — Reuter.

SIX RESCUED FROM JAPANESE SHIP

Six persons, including the captain and crew of a small 100-ton cargo boat plying between Nobeoka, in Miyazaki Prefecture, across the Straits of Korea to Reisu, Korea, were saved the other day by the Myoko Maru, Japanese freighter of the Toa Kaiun Kaisha on the Moji-Shanghai run, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported.

The six seamen aboard the ill-fated vessel which sank after being buffeted by rough seas, were brought to Shanghai. The 100-ton boat, which was sailing at a point about 30 miles south-west of Tsushima Island, in the Straits of Korea, was disabled when a cable became entangled in the propeller.

Captain Hamada, skipper of the small ship, signalled to two vessels which passed near the spot before he caught the attention of a lookout on the Myoko Maru which hurried to the rescue. Buffeted by high seas, the small ship had sprung several bad leaks and sank shortly after the six men had been taken off.

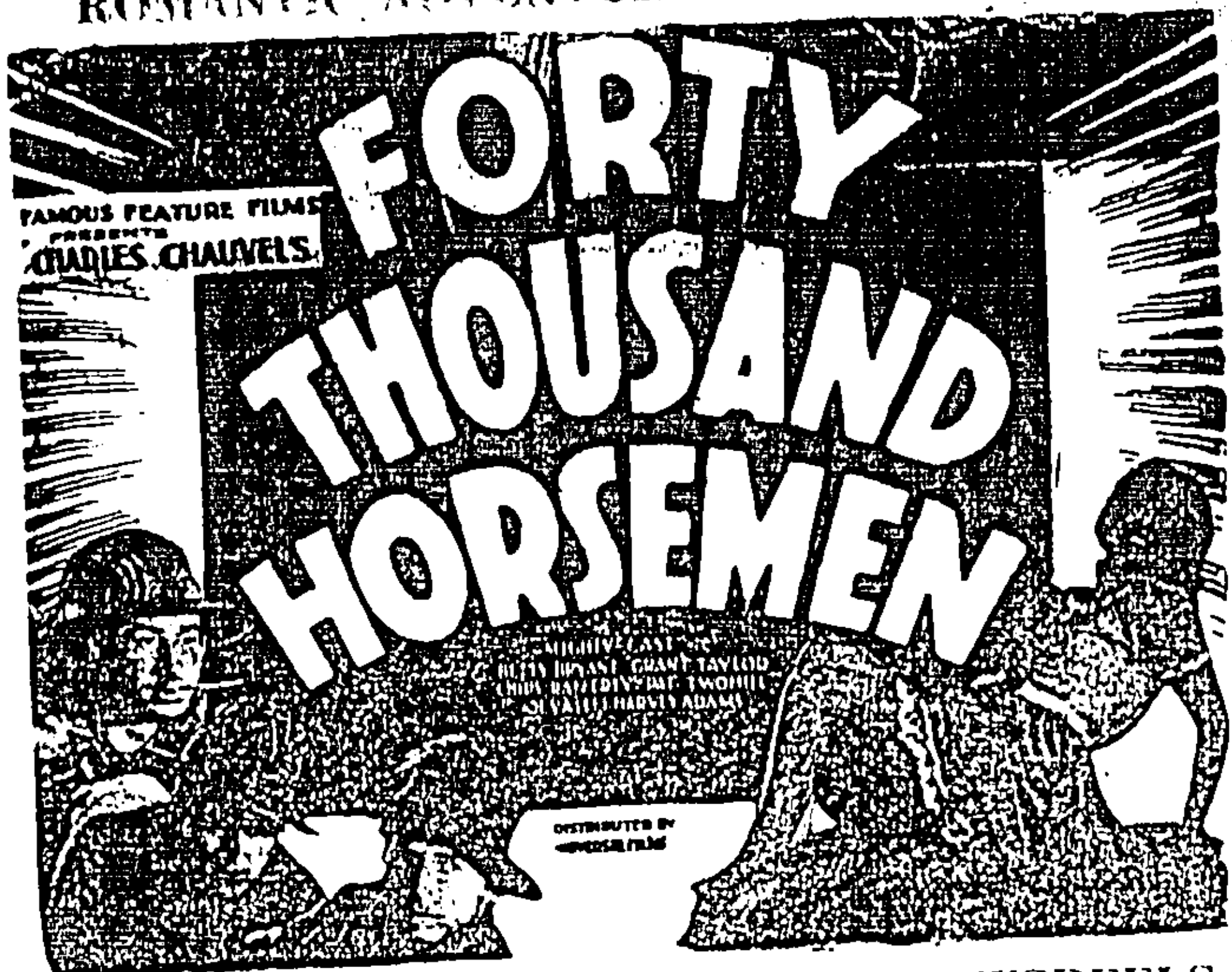
According to Captain Hamada, the small ship was carrying lumber and other miscellaneous goods and was on her way to Reisu when the accident befell her.

HEINKEL SHOT DOWN

A GERMAN BOMBER BELIEVED TO BE A HEINKEL III, WAS SHOT DOWN ON TUESDAY NIGHT BY COMBINED A.A. FIRE FROM A BRITISH CONVOY AND ESCORT VESSELS, SAYS AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE.

The bomber attempted to attack the convoy but was promptly and effectively engaged and soon hit. It was seen to crash into the sea.

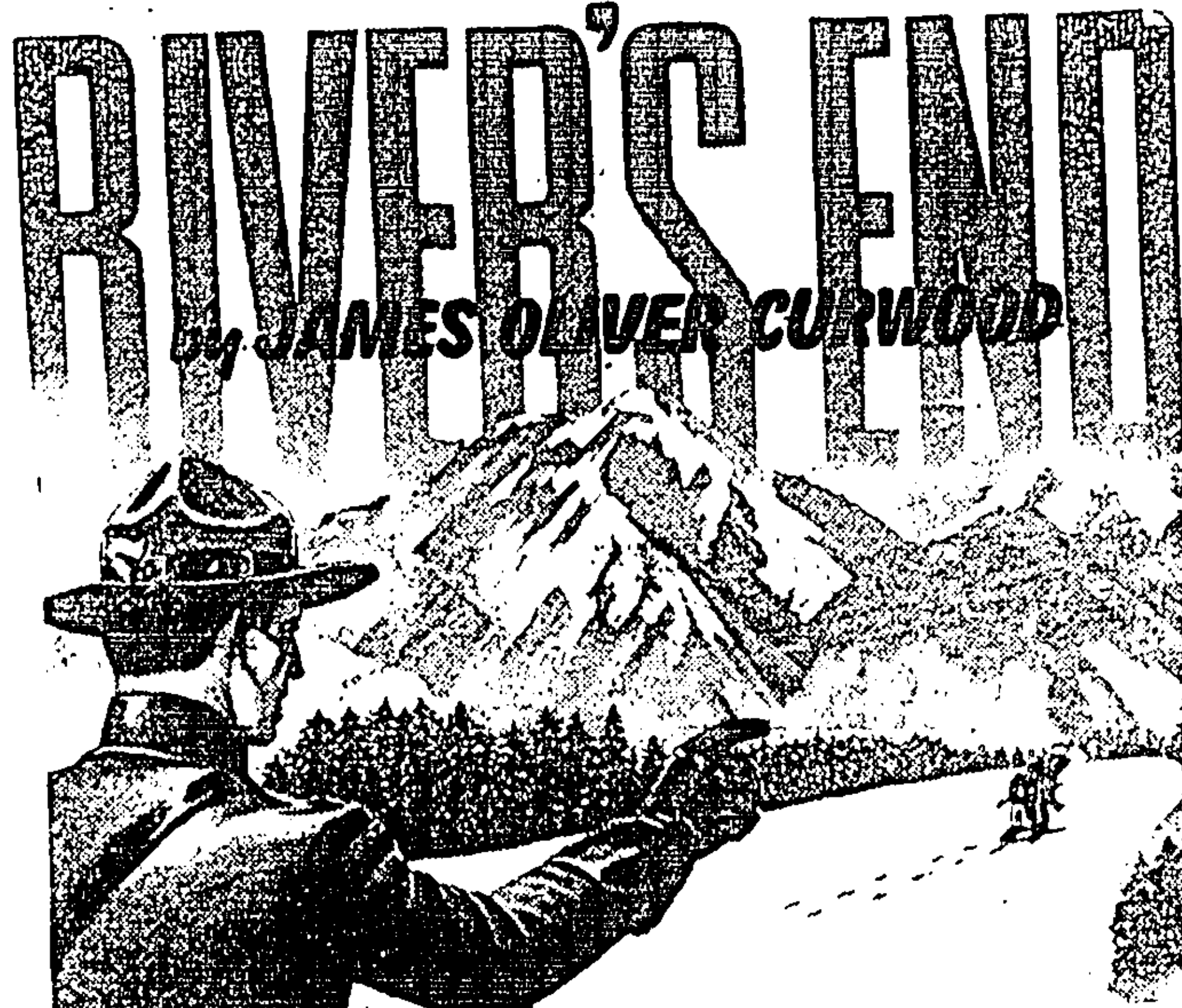
No damage was suffered by ships of the convoy. — Reuter.

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THRILL(By Reuter's Special Correspondent
in Moscow)THE RUSSIAN CAPITAL'S second aerial
attack lacked novelty and thrill for Moscow's
inhabitants although it came at the height
of the great city's night life.Earlier in the evening there was a short
alarm without the appearance of enemy
bombers, and while the sirens were still
whistling the second alert, A.A. guns opened
fire and continued until dawn.Russian fire-fighting method:
are effective, judging from the
small number of fires lighted de-
spite the great German effort al-
though the Soviet procedure is
not always orthodox.Many Russians received
burns by recklessly grasping
incendiaries in their bare hands.
Already the Russians seem
hardened to bombing, even wo-
men and children being less hur-
ried in finding shelter in the tube
stations, where the current is dis-
connected and smoking and rest
rooms provided.SOME BOMBS DROPPED IN
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YESTERDAY FOR CONTINU-
ING THE DEFENCE ACT
EMERGENCY POWERS IN
OPERATION FOR A FURTHER
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UNDER-SECRETARY AT THE
HOME OFFICE, REVEALED
THAT IN ALL, 1,779 PEOPLE
HAD BEEN DETAINED UNDER
THE FAMOUS REGULATION
18 B.Mr. Peake intimated that this
number had fallen to-day to 762.
Of this number 292 were de-
tained as members of an organi-
sation which was subject to for-
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SUPPRESSEDCOMMENTING ON MOSCOW broadcasts in-
citing French workers to strike and sabotage, the
Zurich "National Zeitung" says widespread strike
movements have been attempted among textile
workers and coal miners in northern France.The strikes, however, were instantly throttled
by the occupation authorities who closed the food
shops and prevented the sale of food to the strikers.The Vichy authorities have a
harder task to prevent strikes as
they are reluctant to use similar
drastic measures.In the unoccupied zone
"staggered" strikes, consisting
of stoppages lasting several
hours, are successfully carried
out by individual sheds, which
is sufficient to hold up produc-
tion of whole factories.According to the French pro-
German weekly paper "Grin-
goire," 18,000 former officials of
the French Communist Party have
been arrested and 9,000 interned
out of a total of 30,000.—Reuter.AS BY A
MIRACLE"THE POSITION IN THE
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MIRACLE," SAID THE NAWAB
OF RANPORE IN A STATE-
MENT ISSUED YESTERDAY
AND QUOTED BY MADRAS
RADIO.Following the suppression of
the Iraq revolt, Nazi domination
of the Vichy administration of
Syria has been checked and the
safety of Egypt assured."It is a grand thought for all
Moslems that such should be the
position to-day as compared with
what we feared two months ago."
—Reuter.ANOTHER
TOBRUK
SORTIEAnother patrol raid
was made at Tobruk
on Tuesday night
when British troops
penetrated to a con-
siderable depth but
no serious clash with
the enemy occurred.
A few casualties were
inflicted.—Reuter.JAPANESE
LEAVING
S. AFRICAAll Japanese private
residents except three in
South Africa are to be
evacuated this week to
Japan.The consular and diplomatic
staffs will remain but their
families are returning.The "Manila Maru" is being
held up at Cape Town to take
the evacuees aboard.This vessel and the "Belgium
Maru" at Durban will be the last
Japanese ships to visit South
Africa waters for some time, as
the general representative of the
Osaka Syosen Kaisha stated yes-
terday he had been advised that
Japanese shipping services with
South Africa were being tem-
porarily suspended.All Japanese businesses in
South Africa are already shut
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CAFE FOOD RAID CHARGE

An alleged raid on an Oxford Street restaurant by five men and the theft of 25lb. of tea, 40lb. of sugar, 69lb. of margarine, 13lb. of mutton, 32lb. of veal, and a bottle of gin was described at the Marlborough Street Police Court, the other day, when Andrew Flynn, a former porter at the restaurant, living at Lambeth Road, was committed for trial.

In a statement to a detective he is alleged to have said he concealed himself on the roof until everyone had gone and then went downstairs, forced a window, helped himself to a gin and lemonade and awaited the arrival of four other men whom he had arranged to let into the restaurant.

They found a black saloon car off Oxford Street, drove to the back entrance of the restaurant and eventually drove away with tea, meat, butter and a bottle of gin. The next day he received £5 as his share.

DUKE OF KENT GOING TO CANADA

The Duke of Kent will shortly arrive in Canada according to an announcement made in Ottawa yesterday by the Dominion Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King.—Reuter.

BEES STUNG 'EM?

Fighting Abyssinians, in order to gain weapons, prepared a plague of bees, which they turned loose among Italian camps in the recent successfully concluded campaign.

While the Italians, stung by the bees, were rushing about the Abyssinians dashed in and secured some of their arms.

Miss Sylvia Pankhurst said this at a meeting in London at which friends of Haile Selassie celebrated his return to his capital and the victories of Ethiopia.

BIG CONVOY OF EMPIRE RECRUITS

The largest convoy of Empire-trained military personnel ever to reach British shores recently arrived at a British port from Canada.

It included about 1,000 pilots and other airmen trained under the Empire air scheme, the largest body of trained naval personnel sent from any part of the Empire, and a military contingent representing reinforcements of every kind, including a complete road reconstruction unit of some 300 men.

The pilots formed a considerable proportion of the air personnel and were accompanied by a large body of technicians highly trained in detailed operations.

The air contingent arrived before its time. Under the original scheme training would not have been completed for another two or three months, but a 1 branches overtook the schedule drawn up for training and provision of equipment.

Fully-Trained Men

The aim is to train 20,000 pilots and 30,000 air crew members each year. Large numbers of fully-trained men are arriving in this country with clockwork precision, and it is already clear that the estimate will be comfortably reached.

Wing Commander the Duke of Hamilton, on behalf of the Air Council, welcomed the men.

"Whatever happens in this war," the Duke said, "every operation so far proves beyond a shadow of doubt that success depends on air superiority. Production is of no use without trained airmen and ground staff."

When visited the airmen at their depot were all keen to get into action. "This is what we have been waiting for months," a young New Zealand pilot said.

One of the newcomers, a young Canadian sergeant pilot, who reported to the depot on a Sunday, was married on the Monday. He is now on a brief honeymoon before being posted to his squadron.

American Volunteers

Among the men were Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders, and R.A.F. men from Britain who had completed their course of training overseas. There was also a number of Americans.

The Canadians included Sgt. Andy Miller, an air gunner and amateur heavyweight boxing champion of Canada and Pilot Offr. Bobby Keffer, a football half-back.

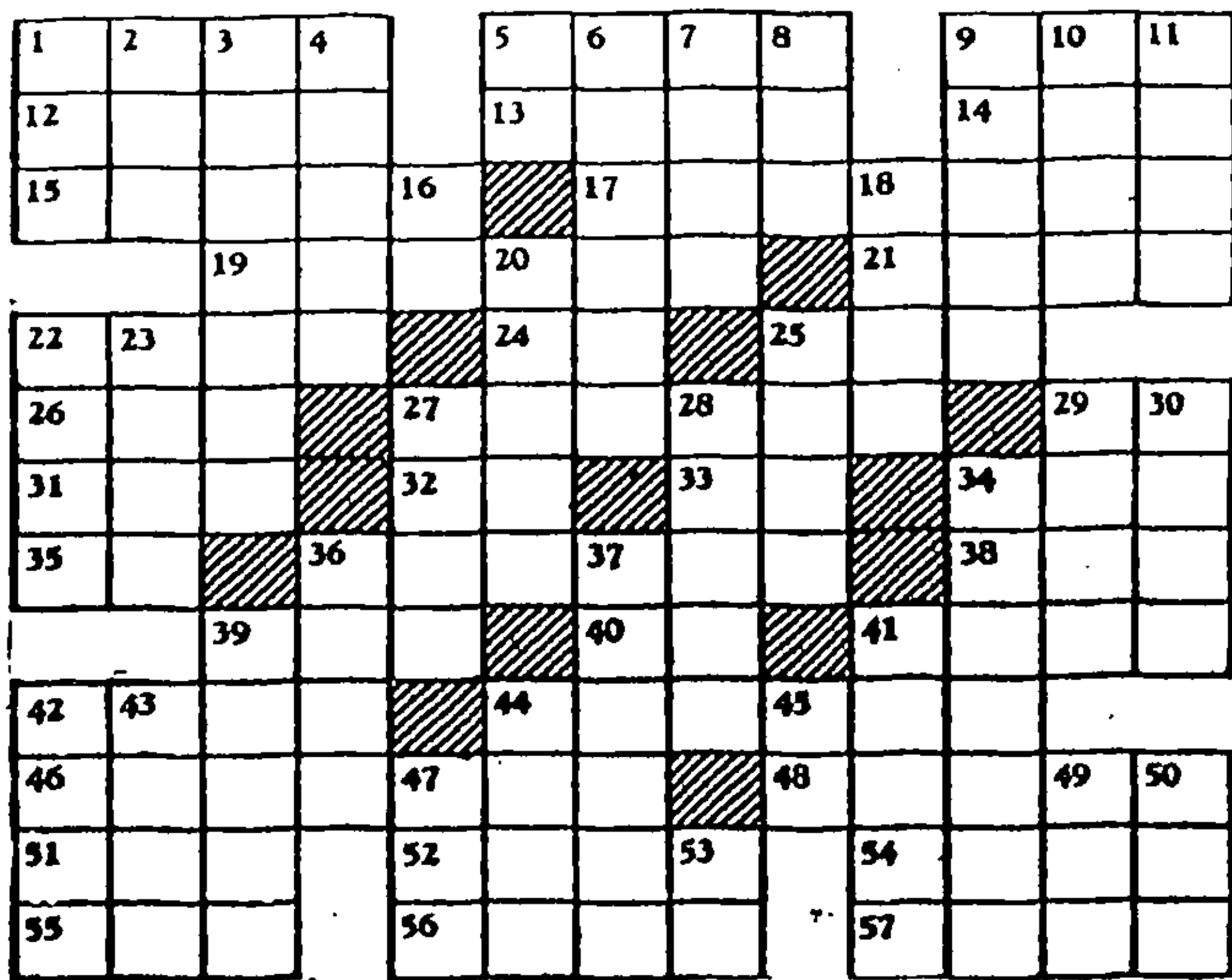
One of the Americans, P. Clark, a Californian, fought in China against the Japanese, and later in the Spanish Civil War on the Republican side. He is to pilot 'planes from factory to airfield.

Flys. Offr. Beaumont, Missouri, with 1,800 commercial flying hours to his credit, will fly a fighter-plane. Other Americans were Leland C. Lloyd, a flying stunt man of Texas, and Raymond S. Allan, 20, Oklahoma, who resigned his job as a flying instructor to aid Britain.

All the naval personnel in the convoy were Canadians, regular naval men trained in British home waters. They will form a "pool" to reinforce the personnel of the Canadian Navy in British waters, which will have an autonomous character similar to the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Canadian Army.

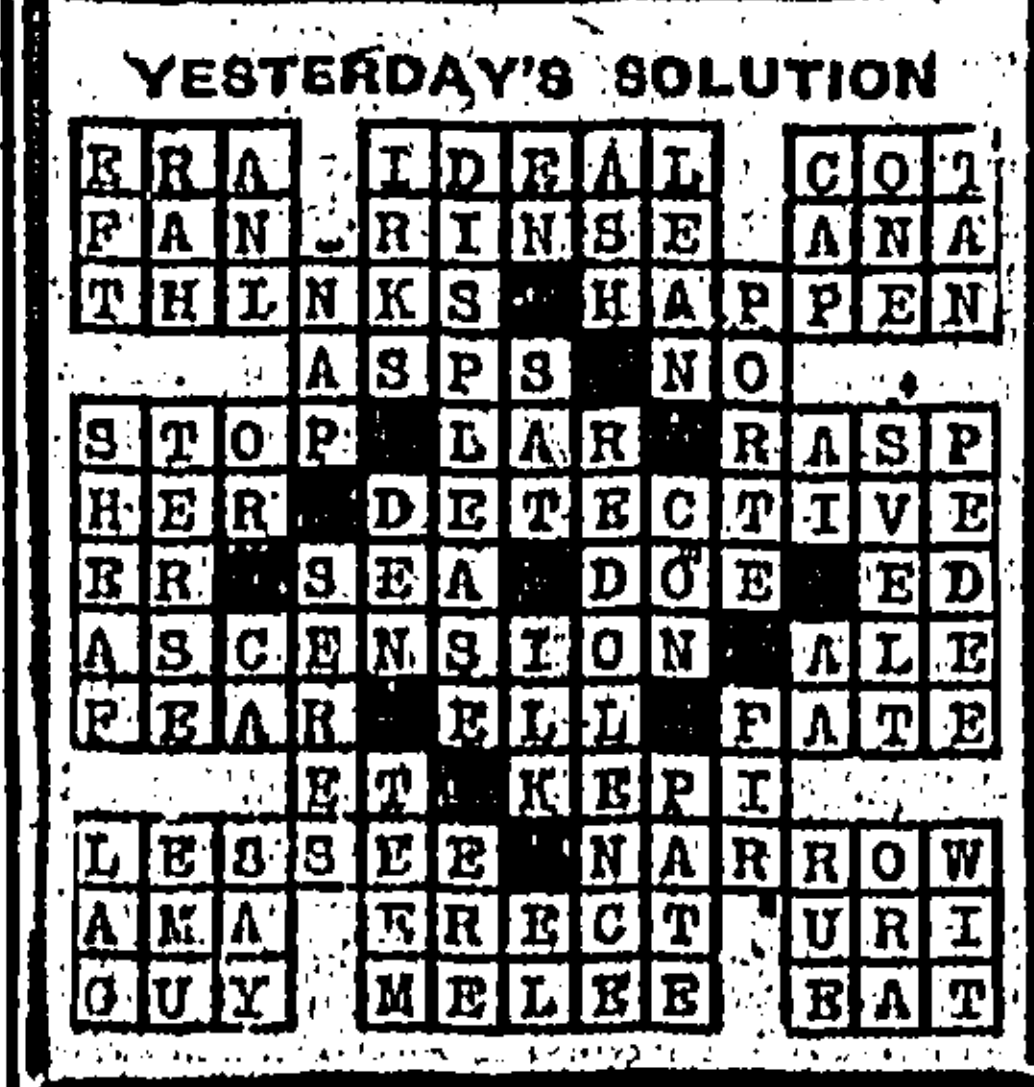
The road reconstruction unit in the military contingent brought its own road-making equipment.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Chair
 - 5 Partly open
 - 9 In what way
 - 12 Italian river
 - 13 Trust
 - 14 Japanese sash
 - 15 Platter
 - 17 Patagonian deity
 - 19 Looks with malignant satisfaction
 - 21 Competent
 - 22 Planet
 - 24 Spanish article
 - 25 Distorted
 - 26 Arabian garment
 - 27 German port
 - 29 Egyptian deity
 - 31 Jewel
 - 32 Sloth
 - 33 Conjunction
 - 34 Was victorious
 - 35 Pronoun
 - 36 To wrinkle
 - 38 Long-handled implement
 - 39 Seed vessel
 - 40 Pronoun
 - 41 To pass through a sieve
 - 42 Continent

- VERTICAL**
- 1 To sink
 - 2 To be mistaken
 - 3 Word made with the letters of another
 - 4 Labours
 - 5 Interjection
 - 6 To bump
 - 7 Imitates
 - 8 To soak
 - 9 Avocation
 - 10 Greek coin
 - 11 Learned
 - 16 See!
 - 18 To deserve
 - 20 Eagle's nest
 - 22 Friendly caste
 - 23 To aid
 - 25 Used to be
 - 27 Foot
 - 28 Hebrew law-giver
 - 29 Cover of a building
 - 30 The dull
 - 34 Shri! sound
 - 36 Fuel
 - 37 Unit of electrical intensity
 - 39 Muscician
 - 41 Vapour
 - 42 Troubles
 - 43 Pintail
 - 44 Russian mountain system
 - 45 Frink's measure
 - 47 Room in a harem
 - 48 To bring forth
 - 50 Free
 - 53 Babylonian deity



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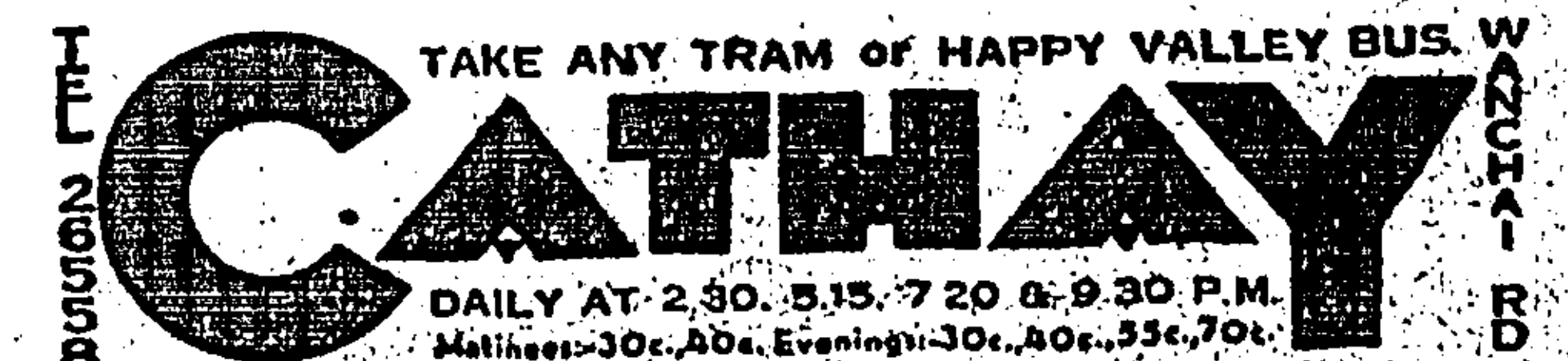
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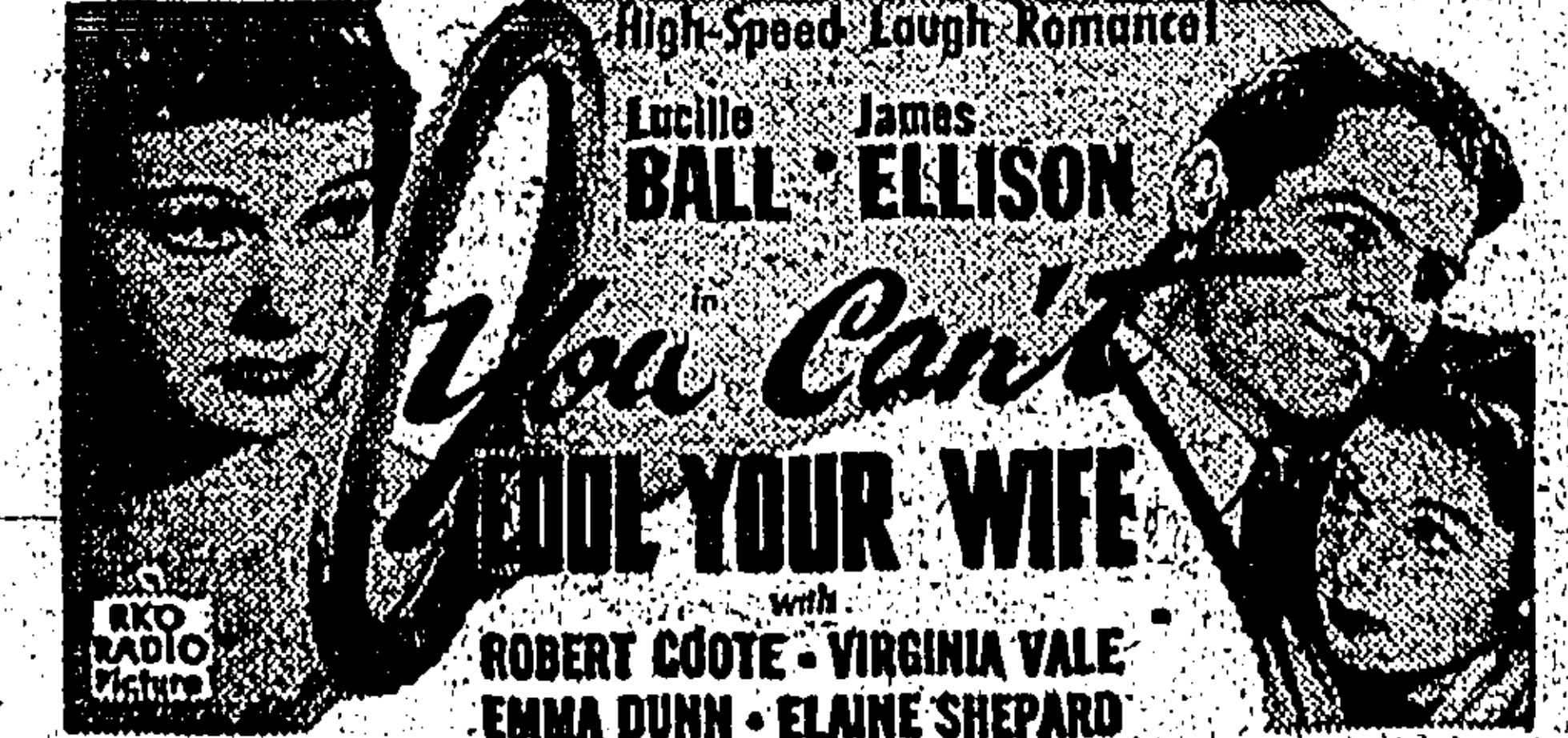
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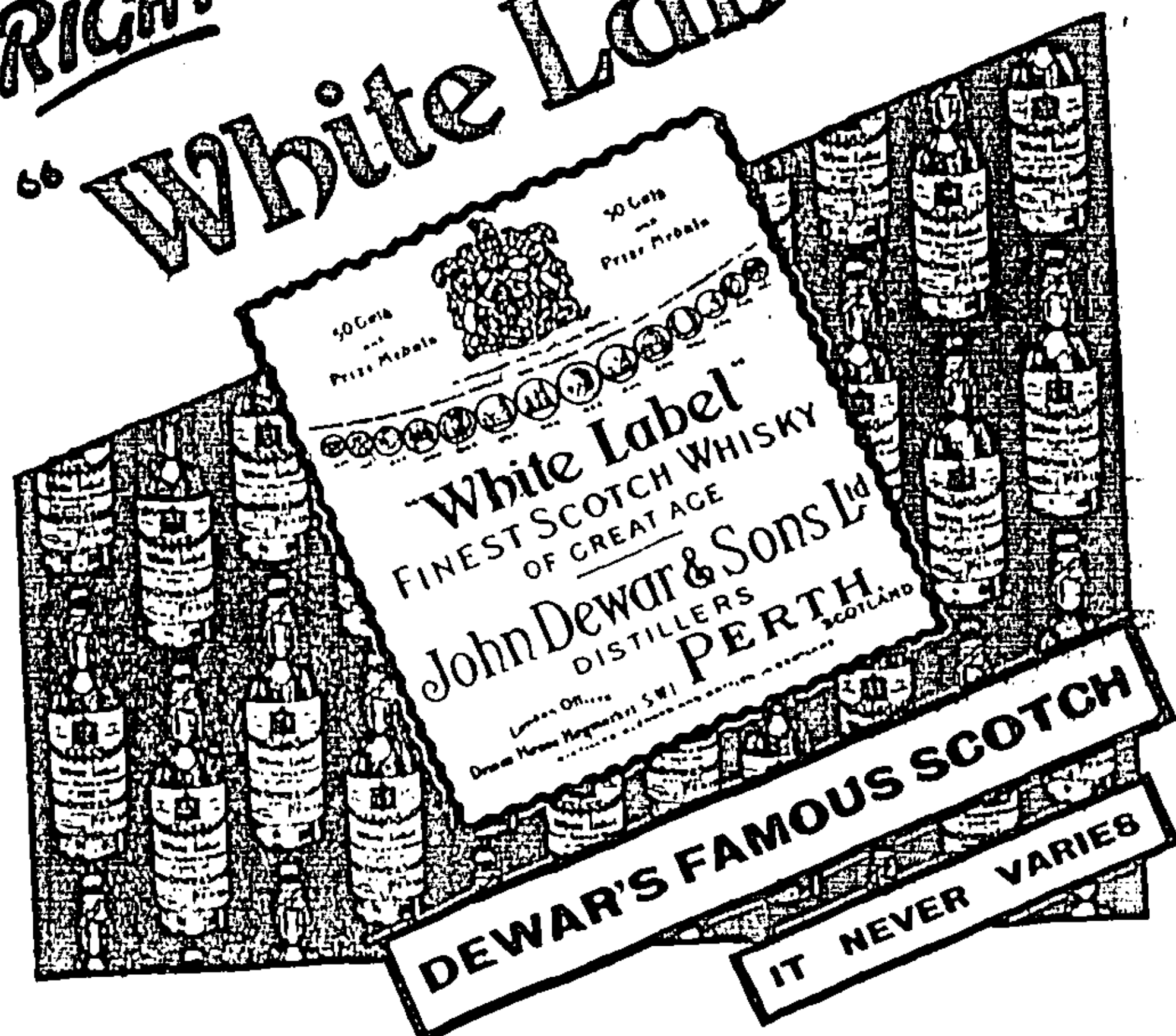


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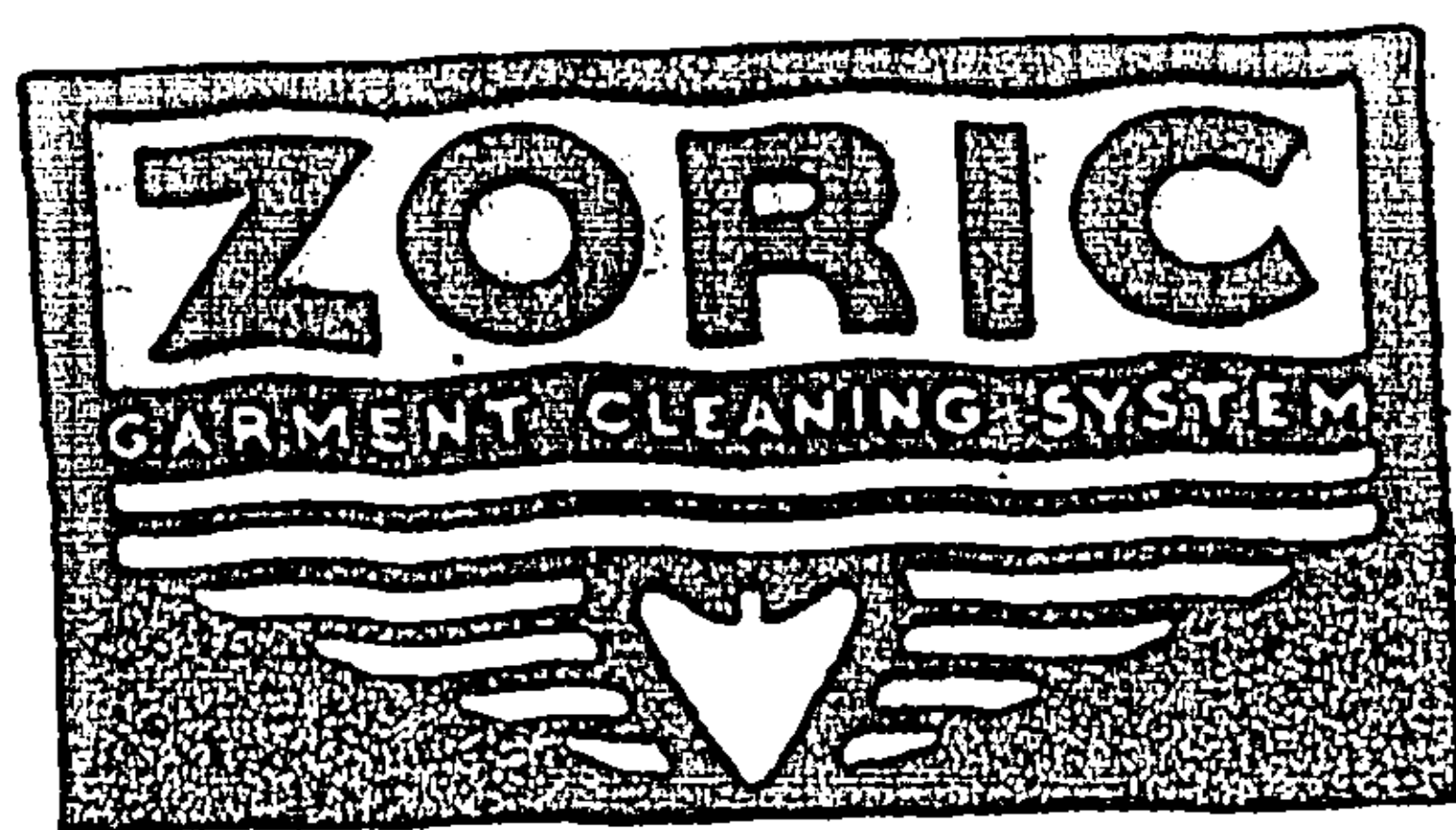
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HOW CHINA IS FIGHTING HER FINANCIAL WAR WITH JAPAN

THE MANNER in which China is successfully waging a currency war against Japan has been dealt with in detail by Dr. H. H. Kung, Chungking's Finance Minister, who writes an illuminating article entitled "The Fifth Year of China's Financial Front" in the latest issue of the Central Bank of China "Bulletin." Other leading articles in this interesting publication include:

"The Thrift-Reconstruction Savings Movement in China," "Economic Szechuan: To-day and To-morrow," "The Legal Aspects of the Chinese Fapi," "The Shanghai Bankers' Acceptance House," and "China's Silk Production, Industry and Trade."

Little Revenue From Taxation

A condensed version of Dr. Kung's article follows: — There are two fronts in modern warfare, one is military and the other financial. Although armies, navies and air forces figure conspicuously in the public eye, yet the less spectacular weapons of warfare in the financial field are of equal importance in the conflict of modern nations. Especially in the case of a long-drawn out conflict, which is a contest in the power of endurance, the prospects for ultimate victory depend on a nation's financial staying power as much as on its military prowess.

Without doubt, defence of China's financial front against Japan's aggression has been no simple task. The fact is all the more gratifying therefore that the Government has so conducted its financial administration that to-day, after four years of strenuous operations on all fronts, China is still holding its own financially as well as militarily, while facts indicate that its continued ability to endure the strains of a protracted war is greater than its enemy has estimated.

World's Worst Currency

The development of a sound and uniform currency system was long the objective of China's monetary policy. In 1929 the Kemmerer Commission of financial experts reported that "China has unquestionably the worst currency to be found in any important country of the world." The abolition in 1933 of the tael as a standard of value established the standard dollar system throughout the greater part of China. But there remained to be solved the highly difficult problem of the silver standard.

Unquestionably, the most important foundation of China's financial front, is the adoption of a managed currency by the currency Decree of November, 1935. The reform provided for the adoption of an exchange standard, which might indeed be called "Credit Standard." Exchange was stabilised at about the level then existing, to be maintained by means of exchange operations of the Government banks. Silver was nationalised and a fiduciary currency substituted, making notes of the Government banks full legal tender.

Currency Reserves Centralised

Banknote issue was unified and currency reserves centralised under the control of a Currency Reserve Board. The Central Bank of China was to be reorganised as the Central Reserve Bank, and the commercial banking system was to be strengthened. Meanwhile, a decimal system of subsidiary coins was introduced, supplanting the old heterogeneous coins.

Obviously, the primary problem of China's wartime finance is to raise funds to provide the sinews of war, as well as to meet the demands of war relief and accelerate various projects essential to national defence and reconstruction. It has been said by Napoleon that the essential conditions of winning a war are "first, money; second, money; third, money."

There are as a rule four principal methods of war financing; namely: voluntary contributions, increased taxation, loan flotation and note-issue expansion — aside from those of requisition, mobilisation of war fund reserve and conversion of state properties. A noteworthy fact in connection with China's war financing is the patriotic support of its people. The whole nation has responded readily to the Government's call for needed funds and war relief materials.

The low per capita wealth of the Chinese people coupled with the already heavy hardships brought upon them by the war's ravages, the Government's lack of an adequate system of direct taxation, and the enemy's occupation of many important cities, has precluded any reliance on increase of taxation as an effective means of raising funds.

Fiscal theory recommends that extraordinary wartime needs be financed largely out of revenue; nevertheless, experience has shown that where this is impossible the emergency can be met for a considerable period by relying largely upon borrowings. Thanks to the people's patriotic support and the banks' loyal cooperation, the Government have been able to carry out the borrowing programme smoothly and, up to the end of 1940, have authorised internal loan issues equivalent to the total of \$4,750 million.

During the same period, loans issued in Japan amounted to about Y.17,670,000,000. In other words, Japan's new debt due to the "China Incident" is about four times as large as China's (at official rates of exchange), and the per capita debt is increased by about \$10 in China and Y.250 in Japan, the ratio being 1 to 25.

Friendly Assistance

Appreciation must be recorded of the friendly assistance which different countries have extended to China in the form of credits during the present hostilities. These include the several Commodity Credits and Currency Stabilisation Loan Credits extended by Great Britain; the Nan-Cheng Railway Loan extended by France; the Barter Trade Credits extended by Soviet Russia, and large amounts of private credits for purchases of materials in different countries.

Throughout the period of hostilities, China has maintained both in "occupied" and unoccupied areas an acceptable medium of exchange which has consistently been demanded by the people in preference to the issues of the Japanese and their puppets have attempted to circulate at the point of bayonets, and which has the distinct advantage of free convertibility into foreign currency.

There has been some misapprehension concerning the increase of note-issue and its bearing on the position of the currency. Indeed, the volume of currency in circulation has expanded considerably since the opening of hostilities, from \$1,444,000,000 to several times that figure.

For Economic Reasons

Superficially, such a large increase might easily be mistaken as an evidence of serious currency inflation, but a closer analysis would suggest that the increase in note-issue has been brought about more by economic reasons than by fiscal necessities. Even before the war, China's note-issue was not sufficient to meet the needs of the entire country. As a consequence of hostilities, increased hoarding and holding of cash balance by the public to meet emergency requirements have entailed a large volume of currency.

All in all, the surprise of the last four years' management is not that China's currency has been subjected to severe tests, but that it has withstood so well the enormous strains imposed upon it by the hostilities and the enemy's onslaught. Little wonder, that such a showing has inspired confidence both at home and abroad in China's financial outlook.

YOUTHS SAIL CANOES 1,800 MILES

Having paddled their own canoes all the way from the coast of Maine, part of the way in the open Atlantic, two youths drifted into Biscayne Bay and declared Florida waters a heaven for canoeists.

Nat Gebhard and A. J. Henke left Bar Harbour, Maine, September 30, after having trucked their canoes there from Boston, where they had been employed in the Watertown Arsenal. They had saved money and decided to make the trip that had long been their plan.

They sailed in the open ocean from Bar Harbour to Cape Cod, Massachusetts, on the first leg of the voyage that brought them to Miami. They told of thrilling adventures when they were caught in changing tides and winds around Point Judith and Cape Hatteras in their light 16-foot shells with 33-inch beam.

They made no attempt at speed, 30 miles a day being good sailing, but 78 miles was their best run. Of the approximately 1,800-mile trip, 450 miles was in the open ocean. They ate and slept aboard, and when they cooked, they said they lashed the two canoes together and one sailed while the other prepared food on a two-burner stove.

FASHION FOLLOWS THE FOOD MINISTER

"Eat more carrots" says Food Minister Lord Woolton. Then "Wear more carrots" say dress designers in London.

The fashion experts back up the Minister. He gives advice on food consumption; sartorial decrees underline his injunctions.

When the edict went forth "Eat more vegetables" the fashion salons showed vegetable button-holes—a cluster of artificial carrots, potatoes and a couple of small-size rutabagas. A string of runner beans attached to the lapel of a coat or across the front of a hat is another idea. A couple of onions or potatoes, mixed with radishes serves as a salad buttonhole. A stick of celery replaces a jewelled hat ornament, and a crisp green lettuce is the war-time successor to a bunch of violets.

SOLDIERS TURN TO CLEAN FUN

Instead of finding their relaxation in dives and honky-tonks, United States Army enlisted men turn to-day to good clean fun through facilities of new recreation centres, declared an Army official.

"After the grind of a week's training the men have to let down," said Col. L. Kemper Williams, Public Relations Division Chief for the Army's newly organised Morale Branch.

"That's why we have established recreation area camps for soldiers' week ends."

"In those camps the men are on their own. They check in and out as at an hotel. And we have found when men are routed on a schedule enabling them to reach the recreation area camp in time to see a show or go to a decent dance, these are the normal relaxations to which they turn."

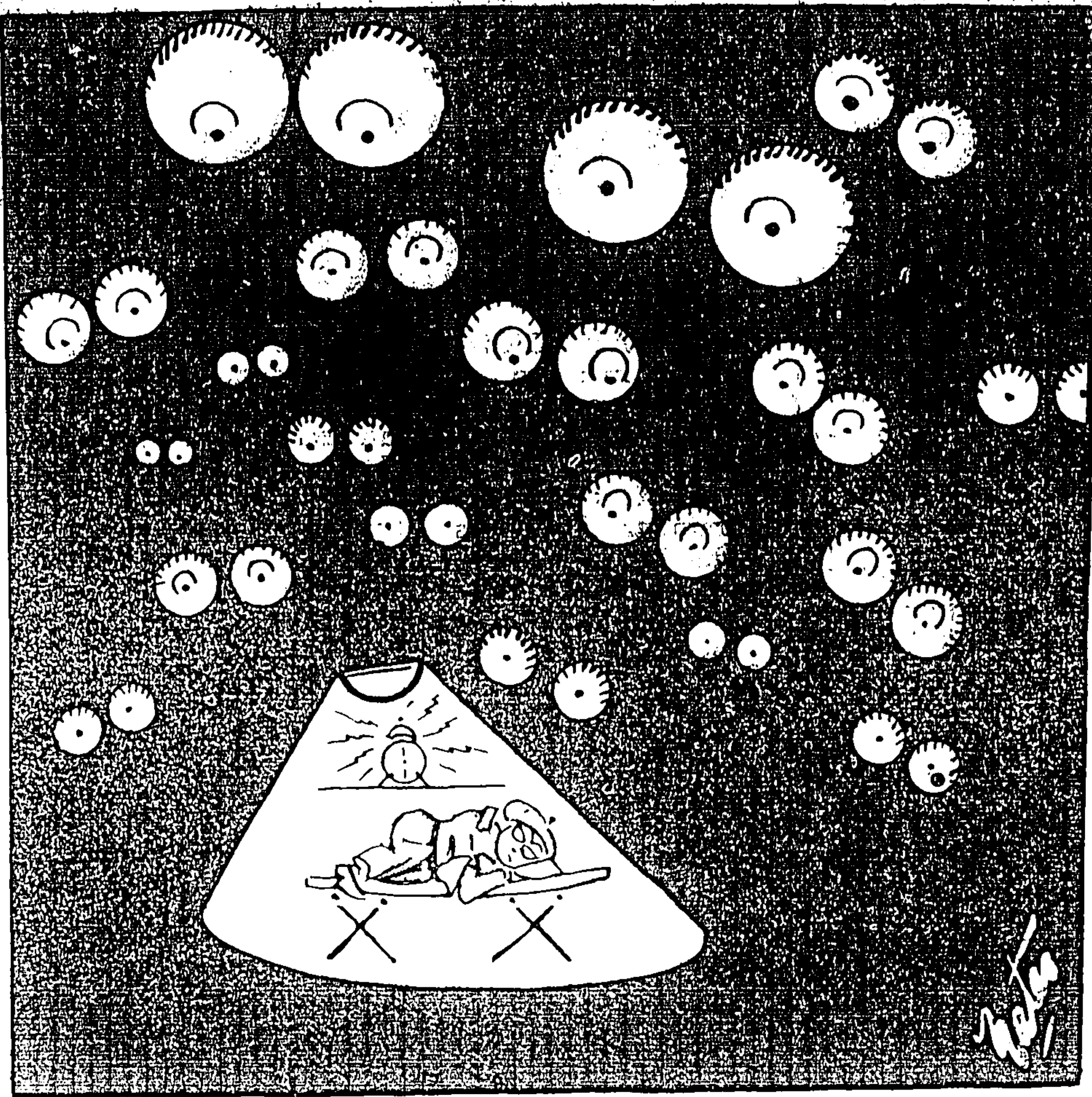
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THE NEW ERA

Commentators on world politics are all fully agreed that Japan now faces the crucial point in her history and that a decision as to her future policy must soon be arrived at. Japanese statesmen are fully aware of the seriousness of the position and of their responsibilities. Prince Konoye, as a preliminary to unobstructed thought has by forming a new Cabinet, dropped all those, including Mr. Matsuoka, who through their past political actions or statements, might tend to hamper the new era about to be inaugurated. As a result, Japan finds herself freer to-day than she has been for many months past to work out her own destiny.

What that new era actually includes few would venture to predict, but the Japanese Government now have time to consider whether they intend to follow a lost cause or to revert to Japan's former successful policy by making it possible for the people to exploit those commercial opportunities on which the country's prosperity so largely depends. Much of this prosperity has disappeared during the past few years and the reason requires no seeking. German ideas of military power carefully inculcated during months of steady labour are, however, not eradicated by a simple stroke of the pen and German influence is still strong in certain sections of the community. Fortunately for Japan it will not lie with German well-wishers to guide Japan at the present time so much as a cold and measured calculation by her statesmen of future possibilities.

The European situation is clearing with the increasing assurance that Hitler cannot win the war. It is evident that Hitler's past successes or any future successes he may obtain, when compared with the enormous population and powers of the British Empire, the United States and Russia, are of local character only. Hitler himself recognises the fact that unless he defeats Britain at sea and in the air, he cannot hope to dominate the world. That is the aim of all his efforts. His attack on Norway, his invasion of Western Europe, were made for the sole purpose of preparing the ground for the defeat of Britain as the preliminary to world domination. He failed miserably to cross the seas to Britain



BLACK-OUT ENLIGHTENMENT

The Art Of Propaganda

Germany is now waging a psychological war as well as a military war. That psychological war is based in the principles of propaganda laid down by Adolf Hitler in his autobiography

"Mein Kampf." Below the book's most important passages on propaganda are published.

To whom must propaganda appeal? To the scientific intelligentsia or to the less educated masses? It must appeal forever and only to the masses!

The task of propaganda lies not in a scientific training of the individual, but rather in directing the masses toward certain facts, events, necessities, etc., the purpose being to move their importance into the masses' field of vision.

The art of propaganda is exclusively to attack this problem so skillfully that a general con-

By

Adolf Hitler

viction is created of the reality of a fact, of the necessity of an event—in other words, that something that is necessary is also right.

All propaganda should be popular and should adapt its intellectual level to the perception of the most intelligent of those toward whom it intends to direct itself. Therefore, its intellectual level must be screwed the lower, the greater the mass of people which one wants to attract. If—as with propaganda for carrying on a war—the object is to include an entire people in its field of action, there cannot be too much caution in avoiding too high spiritual assumptions.

The more modest, then, its scientific ballast is, and the more it exclusively considers the feelings of the masses, the more striking will be its success. Its success, moreover, is the best proof whether a particular piece of propaganda is right or wrong, and not whether it satisfies a few scholars or "esthetic" languishing monkeys.

The purpose of propaganda is not continually to produce interesting changes for a few blasphemers, but to convince the masses, to convince the masses. The masses, however, with their inertia, always need a certain time before they are ready even to notice a single thing, and they

will devote their memories only to the thousandfold repetition of the most simple ideas.

For the art of propaganda lies in the fact that, understanding the great masses' worlds of ideas and feelings, it finds, by a correct psychological form, the way to the attention, and further to the heart, of the great masses. That our super-clever intellects never understand this proves only their mental inertia or their conceit.

But if one understands the necessity of using propaganda to attract the great masses, the following rule then results:

It is wrong to want to give propaganda the many-sidedness of scientific teaching.

The receptive ability of the great masses is only very limited; their understanding is small; on the other hand, their forgetfulness is great. This being so, all effective propaganda should be limited to a very few points which, in turn, should be used as slogans until even the very last man is able to imagine what is meant by such words. As soon as one sacrifices this basic principle and tries to become versatile, the effect will be frittered away, as the masses are neither able to digest the material offered to them nor to retain it. Thus the effect will be weakened and finally cancelled.

In the size of the lie there is always contained a certain factor of credibility, since the great masses of a people may be more corrupt in the bottom of their hearts than consciously and intentionally bad. Therefore, with the primitive simplicity of their minds, they will more easily fall victims to a great lie than to a small one, since they themselves lie sometimes in little things, but would certainly be too much ashamed of very great lies.

The great mass of a people is not composed of diplomats or of teachers of political law, or even of purely reasonable individuals who are able to pass judgment, but of childlike human beings who are as undecided as they are inclined toward doubts and uncertainty. As soon as one's own propaganda admits even a glimpse of right on the other side, the ground for doubting one's own cause is laid. The masses are not in a position to distinguish where the wrong of the enemy

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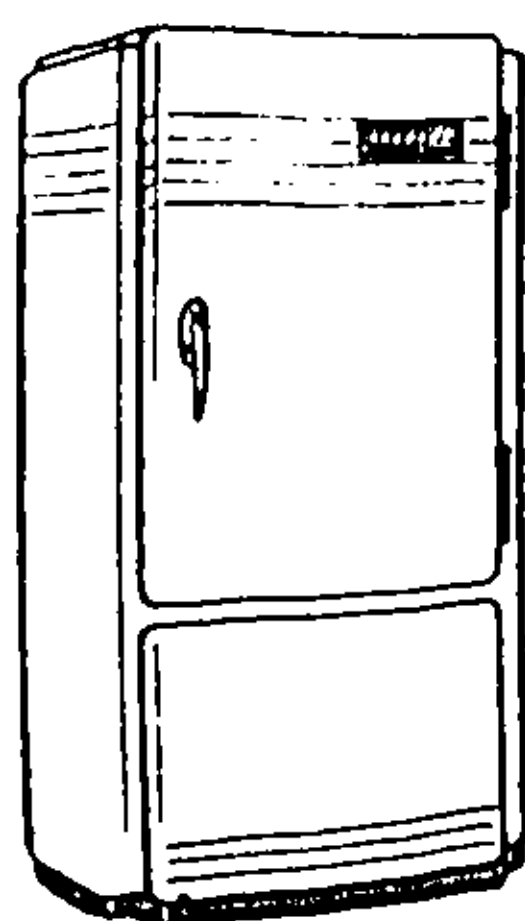
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CHANGE IN ANTI-AIR ATTACK ORGANISATION DEMANDED

AIR ATTACK is an act of war. Its consequences must be met and fought on the same plane. How much longer are we to keep up the pretence that daily invasion from the air crashing down on our large cities can be treated as a new department of local government and tacked on to normal peace administration? asks a Special Correspondent of "The Times." We have tried for months to force war needs through the bottle-neck of local government. A volume of experience is now to hand which proves the futility of the attempt.

To say this is not to blame the authorities whose means have proved inadequate for novel ends remote from their normal duties. Nor is the smallest reproach levelled against the devotion and zeal of the public servants concerned.

But after nine months' experience of bombing it would be scandalous to shirk the need for radical change. Air attack has come to stay. For months, years perhaps, we have to face the prospect for our cities of ordeal by fire and high explosive. The present writer has seen at close quarters the consequences of bombing in many of our large towns.

The tragedy follows much the same lines whatever the locality: destruction of public building and commercial houses by fire and high explosives; shattering of private homes; temporary breakdown of communication by road, rail, telegraph, telephone; cutting-off of gas, water, electricity. It is a pattern common to all. How can these evils be countered?

Dispersal Of Powers

The major administrative difficulties which arise after an attack are largely due to the dispersal of powers in a given area between a number of authorities, large and small, of varying capacities and intelligence. A complicated network of local administration covers the country, ranging from large units like the county council, with a trained staff of public servants, to the parish council, whose clerk may be some parish worthy. It was an intricate system, more or less dovetailed, which worked with varying success and often considerable delay under normal conditions. Whatever its merits in peace-time, the system was ill-adapted to meet prevalent circumstances. Though the consequences of an air raid demand positive and immediate action, the old, often dilatory, peace-time machine still holds the ground. Arrangements differing enormously in efficiency between area and area persist, and the terrible experience gained in places subject to heavy onslaught does not so far seem to have penetrated the understanding or changed the plans of cities which have not yet felt the full force of the German bombers.

Confusion And Delay

Attack may fall on a large industrial city with a rural hinterland, into which it is desired immediately to evacuate some thousands of people, both adults and children. The city may be adequately organised with trained and responsible officials in charge of the various departments. But their jurisdiction ceases at the city boundaries, and the business of evacuation has therefore to be picked up and carried on partly by county officials, partly by urban and rural authorities. Confusion and delay set in at this point. Local authorities are jealous of the powers; a cooperative spirit is the exception, not the rule.

The principle of self-determination was fully applied when local authorities were allowed to make their own arrangements on their own lines, and central government has shown marked reluctance to trespass upon these powers in the cause of efficiency. Emergency committees were formed on a party basis, not that of administrative efficiency.

Further, an unimaginative town clerk or a self-sufficient public assistance officer not infrequently thought to concentrate all these novel powers in his own hands, and the help enlisted was often pitifully inadequate to the grim task that ultimately had to be faced. Hence the confusion in some places, accompanied by a

proportionate toll of human suffering which better organisation might have mitigated.

The Regional Remedy

Such a state of affairs calls for remedy without further delay. It is an urgent national matter that the defensive machinery should be made at once more simple, flexible, and authoritative. The tangle of competing local bodies and their officials must be cut away and power concentrated on one responsible unit. This unit clearly should be sought in an extension of the powers and function of the Regional Commissioners. The Government set up Regional Commissioners, whose powers, it is understood, would be large in the event of invasion. But invasion carries, and meanwhile the Commissioner either possesses no powers or has not been authorised to apply them on plans before air attack or on the problems of food, evacuation, and transport arising afterwards, problems which are often acute on the morrow. Yet the situation in a bombed area brooks of no delay if human suffering is to be mitigated and the normal life of the area in some measure restored.

It is suggested, therefore, that the powers of the Regional Commissioner be extended and made more concrete, especially in respect of food, evacuation, and transport. Fire-fighting has at last been recognised as a national matter, and is now being faced on national not local lines. Air attack, however, creates a volume of human and personal problems which must be handled locally.

When circumstances make such a step necessary, the Regional Commissioner should be authorised to proclaim a given area, determined, of course, beforehand, as an administrative unit in which all the resources of local government should be pooled and officials set free to act under his orders beyond the narrow limits of their own authority. The Commissioner would then appoint three chief officers to deal with, first, food and rest, shelters; secondly, evacuation and billeting; thirdly, transport and other technical services (gas, water, electricity). In addition a medical officer should be appointed, competent to treat the health needs on the proclaimed area, and to work under the instructions of the Commissioner. These four officers would form the Commissioner's executive staff; they would have power to act to commandeer houses and transport, and to cut through hampering red tape.

Advisory Councils

It should be the business of the Commissioner, before any trouble occurs, to study the needs and resources of an area and to have the outlines of a shadow organisation clearly in mind. To keep the local authorities in touch, an advisory council should be created in each proclaimed area, consisting of the four executive officers and the mayors and chairmen of the respective local bodies. As the Commissioner might have more than one proclaimed area under his control, he could not be expected to preside personally over the advisory committee. The chairman should be his deputy or nominated by him, and through him be answerable to Parliament. Representatives of the Government Departments concerned, Health, Food, Transport, Labour, with the Assistance Board, would be asked to attend meetings of

ALUMINIUM SHORTAGE? TESTS SEEK ANSWER

America's aluminium shortage may be less acute—judging by a test started in two typical American communities recently.

In an effort to determine how much scrap aluminium could be rounded up in an emergency, the Government selected Richmond, Va., and Madison, Wis., for trial. With suitable advance publicity it was announced that pots, pans, and other aluminium utensils were needed.

The result: Contributions by the truckload.

Success of the tests, sponsored by the Office of Production Management, may determine the advisability of a nationwide drive.

the advisory committee, and these officials must at all times keep in close touch with the Commissioner and place themselves at his service. In some districts it may be necessary, in view of essential work to be carried out in the bombed area itself, to build huts in the surrounding neighbourhood to serve as dormitories. The Commissioner would consult with Lord Reith's Department and the appropriate building authority about such matters.

To associate local interest with the work sub-committees could be formed in each area, to which certain duties would be allocated.

Members of the local authorities would serve on these sub-committees and representatives of the voluntary organisations. But it must be clearly understood that all such bodies are under the direction of the Regional Commissioner for the purposes already enumerated, and must carry out instructions when given. The town councils and other local authorities, while carrying on their normal municipal work, would be expected to hold themselves in readiness to assist the Commissioner in any way, and to cooperate by the loan of staff and premises when required. Assistance from the various education offices would be necessary in dealing with the children.

The whole question of evacuation and billeting would be greatly simplified if it were entrusted to one responsible authority operating in a large geographical unit from which a multiplicity of varying local authorities had been eliminated for the time being. In some areas, where essential work has to be carried on, the Commissioner should have a residential belt at his disposal earmarked for local use and not filled up with evacuees from London.

A Special Minister

Should any deadlock arise between the Commissioner and Whitehall, he would be better able to solve it by dealing direct with Ministers and chief officials than by depending on the tedious and vexatious methods of correspondence and inquiry which at present hamper action on a lower level. Central Government, by spasms parsimonious and extravagant, can hold up business and prove as argumentative as any parish council. The Commissioner would be in touch with the Navy, Army, and Air Force, and be in a position to call upon their services in an emergency. He would be responsible to Parliament through a special Minister, who was not a Department head. He would require an adequate staff. Many officials can be seconded from their normal duties in the locality, for local knowledge is a valuable, indeed an essential, asset in administration. But appointments must be made with entire disregard of seniority or of any consideration save that of efficiency, and be subject to ruthless scrapping if efficiency is not achieved.

Finally, speed is of the essence of effective war relief. Great though the trials of the people, their courage and patience and endurance have been beyond praise. They on their side may well ask that traditional methods should not hamper the treatment of the novel and terrible aftermath of an air attack and further that adequate provision beforehand should reduce its inevitable miseries to the lowest possible level.

Three Men Who Are Leading Russians In Their Fight

VOROSHILOV, BUDENNY and Timonshenko are considered to-day to be the "Big Three" in the Red Army and all of them are playing an important part in the defence of Soviet Russia against the German invasion. These Russian military leaders have risen from the ranks and all three have been responsible for the numerous successes gained by the famed First Cavalry Army. A detailed sketch of each of these men follows:—

Marshal of the Soviet Union Klement Voroshilov, one of the most prominent figures of the Soviet State and the Red Army, was born in 1881 in the country's most important industrial area—the Donets basin. Beginning from his early childhood he worked for many years in the mines, metallurgical and machine-building plants in Lugansk, Petersburg and other cities.

Having early commenced revolutionary activity he took an active part in the preparation and organisation of the great October Revolution. Voroshilov showed himself a talented strategist when in 1918 Germans invaded the Soviet Ukraine. He organised numerous guerrilla detachments of Ukrainian workers and peasants into the fifth army which, under his command, inflicted upon the advancing German troops a series of heavy defeats. After many strenuous engagements Voroshilov managed to break the encirclement of German troops. Then began the celebrated march to Tsaritsin on the Volga to join the Soviet armies. During the defence of Tsaritsin, which was surrounded by a steel ring of the enemy hordes, Voroshilov revealed himself as a most talented strategist while serving as Stalin's first assistant.

Victories In 1919

In 1919 Voroshilov, together with Budenny, led the First Cavalry Army which covered itself with glory in victorious battles on the Don, in the Caucasus and the Donets basin. In 1921 after the end of the civil war Voroshilov commanded troops in the North Caucasian Military Area and took part in the quelling of the Kronstadt revolt. In 1924 he was appointed commander of the troops in the Moscow Military Area and member of the Revolutionary Military Council of the U.S.S.R.

Together with Frunze he took a very active part in the reorganisation of the Red Army. In 1925 Voroshilov became the Peoples' Commissar of the Army and Navy, and Chairman of the Revolutionary Military Council, and later, Peoples' Commissar of Defence of the U.S.S.R.

He devoted his talent and energy to convert the Red Army into a formidable force. For distinguished services to his country Voroshilov was decorated with three Orders of Lenin and four Orders of the Red Banner. In 1935 the title of Marshal of the Soviet Union was conferred on him.

In May 1940 he was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council of Peoples' Commissars of the U.S.S.R., and Chairman of the Defence Committee under the Council of Peoples' Commissars.

At present he is a member of the State Committee of Defence.

Budenny The Strategist

Talented strategist, hero of the Civil War, and Marshal of the Soviet Union, Semen Budenny was born in 1883 into a family of landless peasants in the Donets region. Nearly fifteen years of service in the Tsarist army, participation in the Russo-Japanese War and in the first World War on the western and Caucasian fronts—was for him a remarkable school of military art.

At the beginning of 1918, on returning to his native Cossack village of Platovskaya, he assumed command over a guerrilla cavalry detachment which fought against White Guard troops. Under Budenny, a detachment grew into a cavalry brigade, later into a division which, in January 1919, gained a series of brilliant victories over General Krasnov's cavalry and infantry. In the summer of 1919, the division was reorganised into the first Cavalry Corps.

Appointed To High Post

In the autumn of 1919 the First Cavalry Army was formed.

through Stalin's initiative and Budenny was appointed commander. The First Cavalry Army played a decisive role in the defeat of Denikin and other armies. Then the army was transferred to the Polish front and later took an active part in the operations against Wrangel's armies which had entrenched themselves in the Crimea. After the civil war Budenny successively held posts of Assistant Commander-in-Chief for Cavalry, Member of the Revolutionary Military Council of the U.S.S.R., Inspector of the Red Army Cavalry, and Commander of Troops of the Moscow Military Area. Now he is Deputy Peoples' Commissar of the Defence of the U.S.S.R.

Budenny performed important services in the modernisation of the technical equipment of the Red Army and its cavalry. In 1932 on the eve of his 50th birthday he graduated with credit from the General Staff Academy.

For distinction in fighting and for his services in the organisation of the Red Army Budenny was awarded two Orders of Lenin, three Orders of the Red Banner and the Order of Mongolian Peoples' Republic. In 1935 the title of the Marshal of the Soviet Union was conferred on him.

Acclaimed Hero

Peoples' Commissar of Defence of the U.S.S.R. Semen Timoshenko, was born in 1895 in the village of Furmanka in Bessarabia to a poor peasant. In 1915 he was called to the colours as a private and fought throughout the World War.

At the beginning of the October Revolution in 1917 he participated in the rout of General Kaledin's anti-soviet detachments. Timoshenko's outstanding personal qualities rapidly earned him a rise to the foremost ranks of Red Army commanders.

In 1918 he participated in the defence of Tsaritsin under the direction of Stalin and Voroshilov. In 1919, when the Red Cavalry was formed in accordance with Lenin's and Stalin's instructions, Timoshenko was appointed Commander of the Sixth Cavalry Division of the Budenny Corps and later Commander of the Fourth Cavalry Division of the First Cavalry Army.

Plays Leading Role

According to Stalin, Timoshenko was one of those who laid the foundation of the First Cavalry Army and transformed it into a formidable force. After the civil war, Timoshenko graduated from several higher military courses and later successively held posts of Commander of the Third Cavalry Corps, Assistant Commander of troops of the Byelorussian Military Area, Assistant Commander of troops in the Kiev Military Area, and Commander of troops in the Caucasian and Kharkov Military Areas and the Kiev Special Military Area.

In the war with Finland, Timoshenko brilliantly displayed his talent as a military leader. Timoshenko was decorated with three Orders of the Red Banner and the Order of Lenin.

In recognition of his exemplary execution of assignments and for the daring he displayed in the war with Finland he was awarded the title of "Hero of the Soviet Union." In 1940, he was appointed

FEW PHONE CALLS WHILE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

During President Roosevelt's 43-minute speech recently there was only one incoming call on the Associated Press office switchboard in New York.

The operator, who has handled the switchboard for 24 years, said the lone call was the least he had ever taken during a like period.

BIBLE IN BASIC ENGLISH

The recently published "New Testament in 1,000 words" is the first instalment of the Bible in Basic English planned by the Cambridge University Press.

This marks an important advance in this system of simplified English worked out by Mr. C. K. Ogden, in which some 850 words serve the same purpose as the half-million normally employed in speaking and writing English. Mr. Ogden's system is claimed to be the coming "universal language" since English is so widely spoken and is the only tongue in which a few hundred of its words can form a complete language.

Nearly a quarter of the people of the world know some English so that this tongue has a flying start for an international language.

In addition to the 850 fundamental words, 50 special "Bible words" and about 100 words listed in Basic English as giving most help in reading verse, have been employed in the Basic New Testament, so the total number used is around 1,000.

This has made for unusual clarity of thought in some passages although familiar cadences often differ considerably from the Authorised Version of the Bible. Many persons have thought it impossible to compass the Bible within the few words used in Basic English, but the publication of the new volume contradicts this belief. The Basic English New Testament is a new translation from the original Hebrew and Greek, not an adaptation from the Authorised Version.

ABERDEEN - ANGUS CATTLE BREAK SALES RECORDS

A thoroughbred Aberdeen-Angus bull was auctioned in Pleasant Plains recently for \$15,000 breaking a 20-year-old price record on the books of the Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Association.

The Bull, Eileenmere 260, was sold by J. Garrett Tolan of Pleasant Plains to Col. A. E. Pierce of Canterbury Farms, Warrenton, Va. Mr. Tolan's cattle broke another 20-year record on May 25, the Association said, when 89 head of thoroughbred Aberdeen-Angus were auctioned for an average of \$984.

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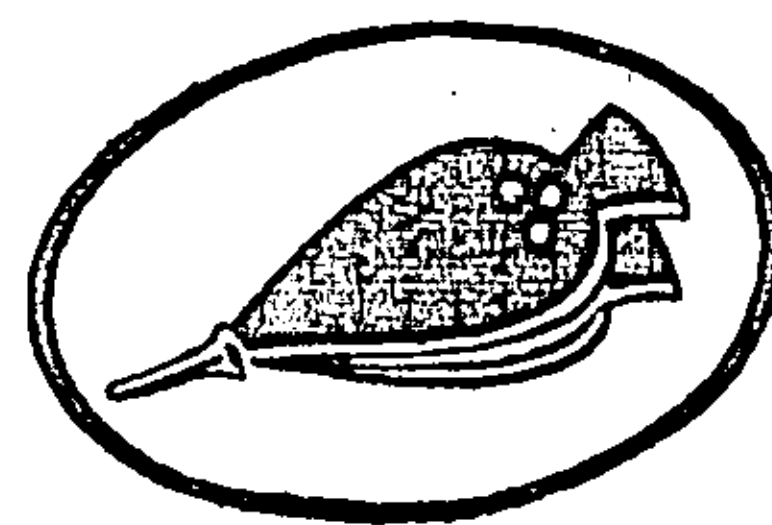


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and
5 Pieces Spun Rayon.
2 Pieces Black Velveten (more or less damaged).

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NOTICE is hereby also given that the Directors have made a further Call of \$2.00 per share upon all the members holding shares of the 1941 Issue whether allotted on 24th January or 3rd July, 1941; and that such further Call will be payable on the 6th day of January, 1942.

The above-mentioned Calls will be payable to the Bankers of the Company, the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
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BRIDGE NOTES

READING THE CARDS

By The Four Aces

When one defender starts with six spades and the other with only one spade, it is usually best to assume that the player with the six spades has any particular card of the suit. But South decided otherwise, and with good reason, in to-day's hand:

South, Dealer		North-South vulnerable	
NORTH		EAST	
♠ A Q 6 3		♠ K	
♥ 7 6 4 3		♥ K 10 9 6	
♦ 5		♦ K Q 10 9	
♣ A Q 8 4		♣ 3 2	
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ 10 9 8 5		♠ J 7	
♥ 4 2		♥ A Q J 8 2	
♦ J 8 5		♦ A 7 4	
♣ J 10 5 3		♣ K 6 2	

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass
2♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
3♥ Pass 6♥ Pass
Pass Pass

West opened the Jack of diamonds, and South won with the Ace. He then ruffed a low diamond in the dummy and returned a low trump. When East properly played the six of hearts, South finessed the Queen — and groaned when West discarded a spade.

Declarer realised that he was bound to lose a trump trick; and the slam therefore depended on discarding a spade on dummy's fourth club or on winning two spade tricks. So South picked up courage and went on with the play.

The first step was to ruff the other low diamond and finesse the Jack of hearts. Then South laid down the Ace of Trumps and began on the clubs. Unfortunately for South's peace of mind, however, East ruffed the third club and led a fourth round of diamonds. And now South knew that East had the blank King of spades!

The reason was that South had a complete count on West's hand. West had started without any trumps, with exactly three diamonds, and four clubs. Hence West had started with six spades. If those spades had been headed by the King, West would surely have bid over South's bid of two hearts. But West had passed; and therefore he could not hold the spade King. Thus, East was marked with the singleton King of spades!

South therefore ruffed the fourth diamond and led to the spade Ace. As expected, East dropped the King, allowing South to fulfill the Slam contract.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

THE POST WAS SAVED		Defying high explosives, showers of fire bombs and falling masonry, a postal sorter carried on with his job in a bombed sorting office and got his correspondence through.	
NORTH		SOUTH	
♠ K 4		♠ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2	
♥ Q 7 6 3		♥ K 8 3	
♦ K 8 3		♦ Q 7 6 2	
♣ Q 7 6 2		♣ A K J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2	

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken You Miler
1♠ Pass (7)
2♥ Pass (7)
3♥ Pass (7)
4♥ Pass (7)
5♥ Pass (7)
6♥ Pass (7)
7♥ Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid one no-trump. This is practically a maximum holding for this weak response, but there is no other response which will convey a clearer picture of your hand.

Score 400% for one no-trump, 30% for two clubs, 20% for two hearts.

Question No. 776
To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:
Jacoby Schenken You Miler
1♠ Pass (7)
2♥ Pass (7)
3♥ Pass (7)
4♥ Pass (7)
5♥ Pass (7)
6♥ Pass (7)
7♥ Pass (7)

ends and their own begins. In this case they become uncertain and mistrusting, especially if their opponents do not produce the same nonsense but, instead, burden their enemy with all and the whole guilt. What is more easily explained than that finally one's own people believe more in the enemy's propaganda, which is carried through more completely and more uniformly, than in one's own?

(During the World War) for example, it was fundamentally wrong to paint the enemy in a ridiculous light, as the Austrian and German comic papers made a point of doing in their propaganda. It was wrong, because when the enemy was actually met with in the flesh, our men were bound at once to receive an entirely different impression of him. This subsequently took its revenge in a most terrible manner. For the German soldier, under the direct impression of the enemy's resistance, now felt he had been deceived by the fabricators of his information up to that moment, and instead of strengthening or at least confirming his fighting keenness, the contrary occurred. The men broke down.

On the other hand, the British and American war propaganda was psychologically correct. By displaying the German to their own people as a barbarian and a Hun, they prepared the individual soldier for the horrors of war and so helped guard him against disappointments. The most terrible weapon used against him was for him merely a confirmation of the information which he had received, and reinforced his faith in the truth of his government's assertions, while it heightened his rage against the villainous enemy.

The people, in an overwhelming majority, are so feminine in their nature and attitude that their activities and thoughts are motivated less by sober consideration than by feeling and sentiment.

This sentiment, however, is not complicated but very simple and consistent. It does not differentiate very much, but it is either a positive or negative; love or hate, right or wrong, truth or lie; but never half this and half that, or partially, etc.

No matter how skillfully propaganda is presented it will not lead to success unless a fundamental principal is considered with continually sharp attention: it has to confine itself to little and to repeat this eternally. Here, too, persistence, as in so many other things in this world, is the first and the most important condition for success.

Alteration of methods must never alter the essence of what propaganda is meant to achieve; in the end it always must say the same. Thus the slogan may be illuminated from various angles, but the end of every effort must always and again be the slogan itself. Only in this way can and will propaganda be consistently effective.

By propaganda, with clever and permanent application, even heaven can be palmed off on a people as hell and, the other way around, the most wretched life as Paradise.

THE POST WAS SAVED

Defying high explosives, showers of fire bombs and falling masonry, a postal sorter carried on with his job in a bombed sorting office and got his correspondence through.

Just after midnight, when 40 men had left for a tea-break, a bomb crashed through the office where five sorters were working. Fittings and letters were buried under tons of debris, while fire bombs showered on the roof, but the sorters, three of them injured, carried on.

One, named English, crawled over the debris with a hurricane lamp, salvaged as much correspondence as he could, and the sorting continued.

The men have received a message of appreciation from the Postmaster-General.

VICHY TO SUBSIDIZE FILMS

The French Government announced to-day a plan which virtually would subsidise the French motion picture industry in competition with foreign films.

The Government recently issued a decree banning the showing of any films which were exhibited in France before October, 1937, with the exception of a few of unusual merit or educational interest.

Both measures were undertaken to build up the French movie industry which has been hit by the war, particularly because of a shortage of raw film.

Only a few French pictures have been made since the armistice and they have been laden with propaganda for the Vichy Government and its theories.

Most teachers in the occupied zone show German films dubbed in French. Few German films have gone to the unoccupied zone.

Several French cinema stars are in Hollywood, Calif., and others have expressed the hope they could go, saying that the industry was at least temporarily "finished" in France.

The new law authorised the State to advance up to 65 per cent. of the total cost of the projected film, the remainder to be assumed by the producer.

The statute increased state control of French film production, which was already under supervision since actors could play only if they had a Government identity card.

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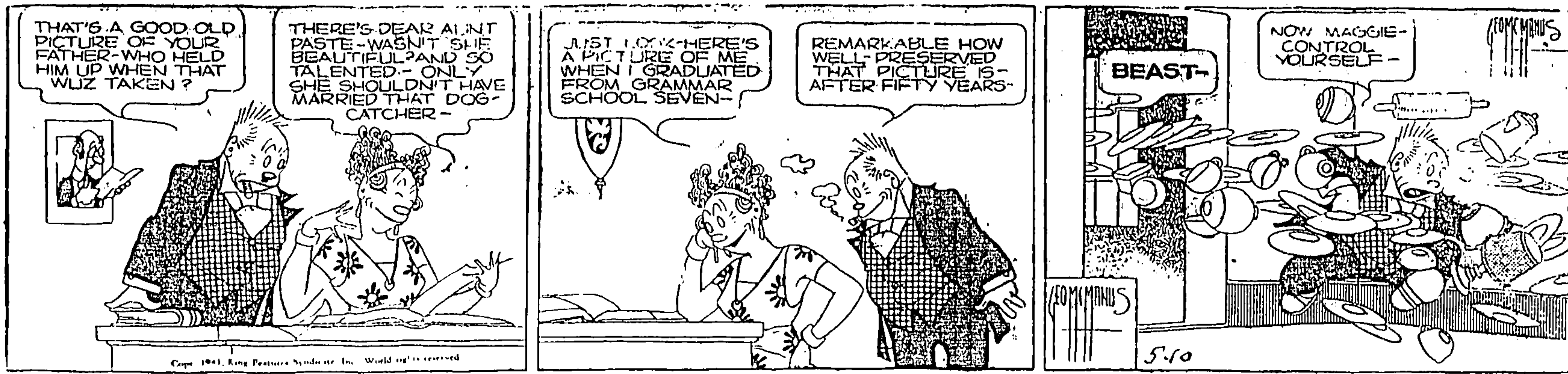
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"Earliest with the Latest"

Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Do Your Feet Ache?

Many things may cause your feet to ache - posture defects, walking on hard pavements, standing too long on your feet, overweight, ill-fitting shoes, a weakened spine or any one of a dozen diseases. Whatever the cause the remedy is usually corrective exercise, or treatment by a professional.

Miss Dorothy Nye, who has written a splendid book on exercise for the entire body, has originated a series of foot exercises which has brought relief to numerous women.

She suggests that these exercises be done with the weight off the feet, and she cautions one that foot reconstruction work is a long, tedious process. But perseverance will bring the results you yearn for - strong feet which give you no discomfort whatever.

Here is her first foot routine which adult or child may practice every day.

Exercise 1: Lying down, feet apart, extend the legs straight out, heels pushing hard, and rotate the toes inward, big toes touching. Relax and allow feet to fall back in place. Repeat five times. Relax again. Gradually work up to twenty times.

Exercise 2: Sitting up, legs stretched out from body, heels on floor, pull foot back from ankle joint as far as you can, at same time gripping toes under. Relax, then extend feet forward, toes leading, and grip with the toes. Relax and repeat both movements five times. Work up to twenty-five times.

Exercise 3: Sitting, place towel on floor with toes of both feet just over its edge and heels firmly on floor. With gripping movements of the toes, pull towel back. Continue to grip and relax until most of the towel is pulled back under the foot. Repeat four to five times.

Exercise 4: Walk with toes pointing in toward each other and toes pulled under as far as they will go (pigeon-toed fashion). Hold toes in this fashion and walk around fair-sized room. Shake first one foot then the other until all the muscles are completely relaxed.

Exercise 5: Sitting, loop towel under metatarsal arch or at ball of left foot. Extend left leg



Playing in the sand barefooted is splendid exercise for weak feet. Elsie Knox takes advantage of summer play days.

straight out, heel leading, knee foot is rotated inward. Repeat five times with left foot, then with right foot. Ten to twenty times ing harder with right hand so the altogether.

Cool Drinks For Summer

Wash barley very well, taking care to remove all the starch. It is a good idea to rub it well with the hands in the water in which it is washed. Allow 1 tablespoon barley to each quart boiling water and boil rapidly for 20 minutes, adding a few slices of lemon during the boiling. Allow to cool, add fruit juices and sugar to taste. Chill thoroughly before serving.

Fruit Punch

Make some China tea and measure 1 pint. Strain into a basin into which you have measured ½ lb. sugar, stir until sugar is dissolved. Allow it to become quite cold. Place a block of ice in punch bowl and strain over the tea 1 pint orange juice and ½ pint lemon juice. Add 4 tablespoons maraschino, 2 pints ginger ale, 2 pints soda-water, and 1 pint lemonade. Decorate punch bowl with thin slices of orange and fresh sprigs of mint.

Orange Milk Shake

Mix together 3 cups orange juice, 2 cups grapefruit juice, 1 cup water in which ¼ cup castor sugar has been dissolved, a pinch salt and, if liked, a few drops almond essence. Lastly add 1½

cups evaporated milk and 2 cups Place into a large jar and mix ice, broken into very small pieces, well. This is a delicious hot-day drink.

Ginger Punch

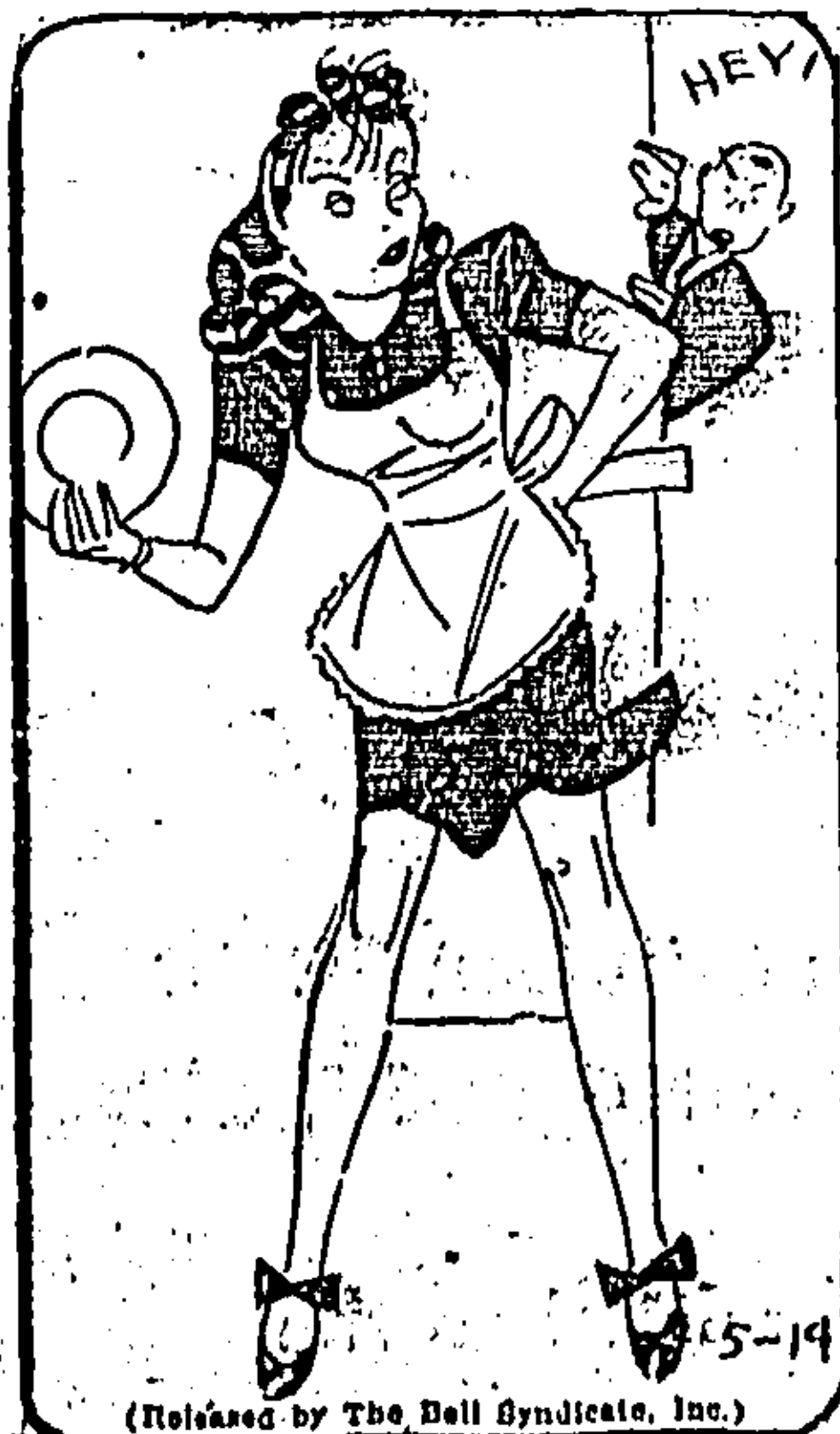
Boil for 20 minutes 1 quart water, 1 cup sugar, and ½ cup ginger syrup. Allow to become quite cold, then add the following: One cup orange juice, ½ cup lemon juice, ½ cup finely-chopped preserved ginger (optional), 1 bottle lemonade, and 2 pints soda-water. Serve very cold.

Grape Juice Punch

To each bottle grape juice, add 4 tablespoons sugar, half cup lime juice, one pint bottle lemonade, and two pints soda-water. Pour contents over a large block ice, and serve thoroughly cold.

Pineapple Cup

Mix together 4 cups cold strained tea, the juice of 6 oranges and 6 lemons. Boil together 1 medium grated pineapple, 4 level cups sugar, 8 cups water for 20 minutes. Allow to cool, then add fruit juices, tea, etc. Pour over a block of ice and decorate with slices of fruit.



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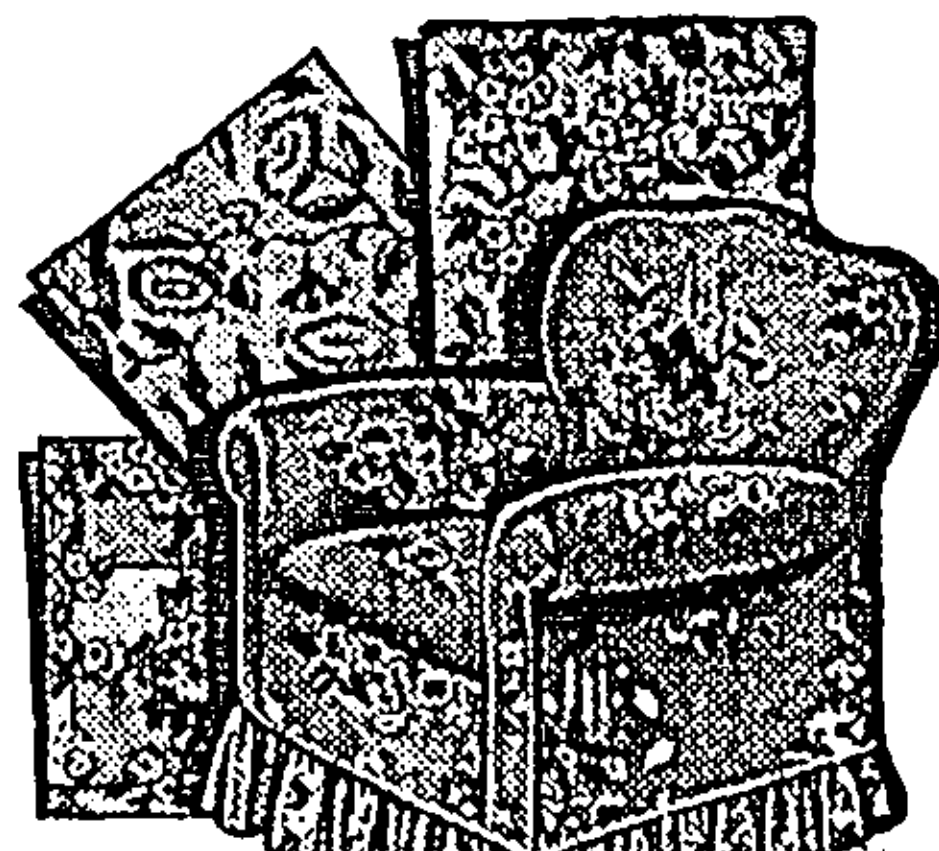
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12.15 p.m.—A Short Service of Inter-

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12.28 p.m.—Mozart-Symphony No. 36 in

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1st Mov: Adagio-Allegro spiritoso;

2nd Mov: Poco Adagio; 3rd Mov:

Menuetto and Trio; 4th Mov: Finale

—(Presto-Conclusion)—The London

Philharmonic Orchestra cond.

by Sir Thomas Beecham.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Pro-

gramme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Scottish Songs.

Skye Boat Song (Old Scottish Song)

(Boulton & Lawson); Will Ye No'

Come Back Again?—Elder Cun-

ningham (Bass-Baritone) with orch.

O Whistle and I'll Come To You, My

Lad—Folk Songs of Scotland—

Stephen & Burnett; McLeod's Gal-

lery (Kennedy Fraser); Margaret

Barrett (Soprano) with piano.

1.15 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.

Southern Holiday (R. Forsythe)...

The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra with

R. Forsythe at the piano.

Lane Wilson Melodies—Intro: When

Dull Care: Phyllis Has Such Charm-

ing Graces: The Sailor's Life: My

Lovely Celia: Come, Let's Be

Merry—Symphony Orchestra cond.

by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and

Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—"Swing" Programme.

Beat Me, Daddy, Flight To A Bar:

Twelfth Street Rag... Hatchett's

Swinglette.

The Sidewalks Of New York... Duke

Ellington & his Famous Orchestra.

Mind, The Handel's Hot: Dearest, I

Love You... Arthur Young & Hat-

chett's Swinglette.

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his New Orchestra.

1 Hear Bluebirds: Rumpel-Stillt-Kin

Arthur Young & Hatchett's

Swinglette.

Ida, Sweet As Apple Cider... Arthur

Young & Hatchett's Swinglette.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-

tions.

6.47 p.m.—Verdi's "Rigoletto" Act I.

Singers in order of appearance:—Dino

Borgiolet, Guido Uxa; Ida Man-

nari; Riccardo Stracchi; Aris-

tide Barracchi; Bullo Baronti;

Eugenio Ballargine; Ernesto

Domini and Mercedes Casper;

with Full Chorus of La Scala, Milan

and the Milan Symphony Orchestra.

7.42 p.m.—Closely Courtneidge.

Papillon (David Popper); Czardas

(Adolphe Fischer)... Rudolf Dietz-

mann with piano.

Kol Midrel (Max Bruch—Op. 47)...

Gaspar Cassado with C. Raybould

(Organ).

A La Guitare (A. Nolek, Op. 18)...

Adolphe Frezin with Fernand

Goeyens (Piano).

8.00 p.m.—London—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.

8.28 p.m.—London—"Listening Post".

Examination of Points in Daily Ger-

man Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Variety with Jack Hulbert

and Cicely Courtneidge.

Comedian—Tap Your Tootsies (from

film "Jack Of All Trades"—Sigler,

Goodhart & Hoffman); Celebratin'

(from film "Limelight"—Woods)

—Jack Hulbert.

Selection—"Crazy Days" (Eyton,

Carter & Mayer)—Intro: Swing

Clean: Spring Love Was Born;

Nice People: Stranger In A Cup of

Tea: When A Fat Man Passes by;

You're Not Too Bad Yourself; Do

The Shaftesbury Theatre Orch.,

London.

Duet—Birdie Out Of A Cage (from

film "Take My Tip") I Was Any-

thing But Sentimental (from film

"Take My Tip"—Lerner, Goodhart

& Hoffman); Cicely Courtneidge

& Jack Hulbert.

Piano—"On Your Toes" Medley (Hart

& Rodgers)—Intro: There's A Small

Hotel: It's Got To Be Love...;

Vivian Ellis.

Comedienne—"The Wind's In The

West: My Wild Cat (both from film

"Aunt Sally"—Woods) ... Cicely

Courtneidge.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-

nouncements.

9.02 p.m.—Negro Spirituals;

No Hiding Place (Traditional Arr.

Sam Manning); Help Me Fly Over

The Jordan (Traditional)... Sam

Manning's West Indian Rhythm

Boys.

Run, Mary, Run (Negro Spiritual,

Arr. Gulon)... Edna Thomas

(Soprano) with piano.

9.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

9.30 p.m.—The Hungarian Gypsy Band.

Hungarian Gypsy Party (Czardas

Selection); The Magic Of The Hun-

garian Puszta; Play Gypsy (Kal-

man); Blue Forget-Me-Not

(Banffy); I'll Give You Away To

God (Dr. Sandor Jenö).

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on

Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Terence Casey at the Organ.

Fifty Years of Song—Intro: Soldier's

Of The King; Where Did You Get

That Hat; Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay;

After The Ball Is Over; Lily Of

Laguna; In The Shade Of The Old

Apple Tree; I Love A Lassie; Let's

All Go Down The Strand; You Made

Me Love You; A Broken Doll;

Swanee; Ramona; Love Is The

Sweetest Thing.

In A Bird Store (Lake).

10.00 p.m.—London—The News & News

Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Oh, Marna Mia (Look At

The Moon); Indian Summer...

Gerald & The Savoy Hotel Orch.

Fox-Trot—Rainbow Valley; Let The

Curtain Come Down... Jack Payne

& His Band.

Swing Fox-Trot—Easy To Get; I've

Found A New Baby... Bud Free-

man & His Summa Cum Laude

Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot—I Forgot The Little

Things; Quick-Step—I Wanna Wrap

You Up... Joe Loss & His Band.

Tango—Love Letter; Letter Of Fare-

well... Oskar Joost Tango Orch.

Fox-Trot—When I Dream Of Home;

Don't You Ever Cry... Ambrose &

His Orchestra.

WANT ADS. IN SHANGHAI INCLUDE BIRDS AND BULLET-PROOF VESTS

WANT ADVERTISEMENTS of the London press have a well-earned reputation for quaintness, but some of those appearing in Shanghai, personal and otherwise, mirror the colourful cosmopolitanism of the China coast port with quite satisfying adequacy. Take, for example, this recent sales offer:

"Wonderful bird. Speaks 50 different words and notes: Shanghai, Mandarin, Foochow, English, imitates dog's barking, cat's mewling, cock's crowing, magpie's chattering, man laughing and whistling. Now offered for sale, \$1000 (Chinese currency, a little over \$50 U.S.) Can be tested, if interested."

Life in Shanghai is rather melodramatic in many of its aspects, for which reason ads of the following description are quite common:

"For sale. Bullet-proof Buick slightly damaged..."

"Wanted—two stout Russian bodyguards..." White Russians are largely employed for this sort of duty in Shanghai, as they are deemed more courageous than the other low-priced categories—Chinese and Sikhs from India. Chinese are used as police, however.

Haven For Refugees

The fact that Shanghai is now haven for 20,000 European refugees is poignantly brought out in a host of notices. Some of them pointedly indicate that others than refugees are desired; "no refugees" is a feature of advertisements of many categories ranging from applications for congenial friends to offers of employment. Then there are mere hints, as in the offer of an "antique German linen chest (1673)" or: "German lessons given for tiffin (luncheon), dinner," and one recent notice said: "Mr. Wang, Chinese who has resided as my guest in my country house near Berlin for several weeks in summer 1920, is requested kindly to communicate with..."

Shanghai has plenty of radio stations broadcasting in English, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, and other languages, but the notices of the British-supported propaganda station perhaps conveys the international side of the city better than any other. Here is a sample:

"The Voice of Democracy"
12:45 News in English.
1:00 News in Chinese.
1:30 Peter Adam's German Programme.
2:00 Czechoslovak News and Commentary.
4:30 Programme in Mandarin and Shanghai dialect.
6:30 Hindustani Programme.
7:00 Polish Programme.

Fox-Trot—I'll Remember; Waltz—Lonely Sweetheart... Victor Silvester & His Band.
11:00 p.m.—London—"War Correspondents". Talk by an American Journalist.
11:15 p.m.—Close down.

7:30 French News and Com-

mentary.

8:00 News in English.

10:00 Scottish Reel Music.

11:30 Russian Programme.

Foreign language broadcasts:

Czech, French, German, Hindu-

stani, Hungarian, Italian, Dutch,

Polish, Russian and Spanish.

One of the most recent developments has been the installation of a self-styled Shanghai

"Lord Haw Haw" to do German-viewpoint news commentaries in English over the German broad-

casting station, which grandiloquently styles itself "The Voice of Europe."

The evacuation of non-essential

Americans and others during the past few months has brought its own special slant to scores of want ads of various sorts, of which a few may be quoted as of their own moderate yet unique historic value for Shanghai:

"Americans! Enjoy once more the delicious Chinese food which you cannot have at home. Pay a visit to..."

"Evacuees, before you leave, don't forget to buy some Chinese stamps for your friends at..."

"Shanghai concern would consider taking over properties of subjects of nations at war for the duration..."

"American lady, 21, will act as companion or care for children in return for passage to San Francisco; reference..."

SEVEN YEARS FOR YOUTH

A 19-year-old Rochdale youth, Raymond Haworth Bury, who made a bomb "booby trap" which killed two detectives, was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude at Manchester Assizes the other day.

He pleaded not guilty to charges of murder but guilty of manslaughter in each case. These pleas were accepted.

It was stated that Bury had a large collection of arms and explosives and, to safeguard them, made a trap for intruders with a box and a Mills bomb.

When the detectives went to execute a search warrant at the premises the bomb exploded. A third detective and Bury's father were injured in the explosion.

Mr. Justice Asquith told Bury he was extremely lucky for the plea of manslaughter to have been accepted. It was a very grave case of manslaughter.

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CHEMICAL SET FOUND AFTER TRAIN FIRE

Evidence of a communication door being locked, and of the finding of the remains of a chemical set was given at the Ministry of Transport inquiry recently into the fire in the London-Newcastle express, when six boys of Ampleforth College, Yorks, lost their lives.

The fire occurred when the train was near Claypole, Lincs, and among the victims were two sons of the Belgian Prime Minister, M. Pierlot.

Guard Dear said that the first thing that drew his attention to anything unusual was the application of the brakes. He looked out and saw flames coming out of the second of the three revived coaches.

Hole in Roof

They were in the flames. The train by then had almost stopped, and there seemed to be a big hole in the roof of the coach.

Father H. D. Pozzi, who was in charge of the boys, said that when he was called to the coach he found flames coming from between the back of two bucket seats close to the wall of the compartment.

He had not seen any of the boys lighting matches, but he assumed they had been smoking, as this was a recognised thing.

"I thought at once of the extinguishers," said Father Pozzi. "I ran the length of the coach and found to my horror that the communication door at the end was locked."

The train was not slowing down, so he himself pulled the communication cord and the train slowed down.

In reply to Col. Trench, he said the boys went in for chemistry, but he had never seen them making any experiments on a journey.

Chemical Set Remains

A plateplayer said that when one of the burnt-out coaches was examined, the remains of a tin box containing small bottles fell from the centre of the coach.

Mr. T. H. Turner, chief chemist to the L.N.E.R., said it appeared that these were the remains of a chemical set, which was probably being carried in a suitcase.

"It must have been a keen amateur's set, but all the things that might start a fire in the set are obviously burnt out," he said.

One of the corks of a bottle might have jumped out and something which was safe when the journey started might have caught fire. "But," he added, "I cannot, of course, say that this is what actually happened."

Mr. H. C. Dickens, for Ampleforth College: We have never heard of this until to-day, but inquiries will be instituted at the school. It may be that the boy who owns this set can be identified.

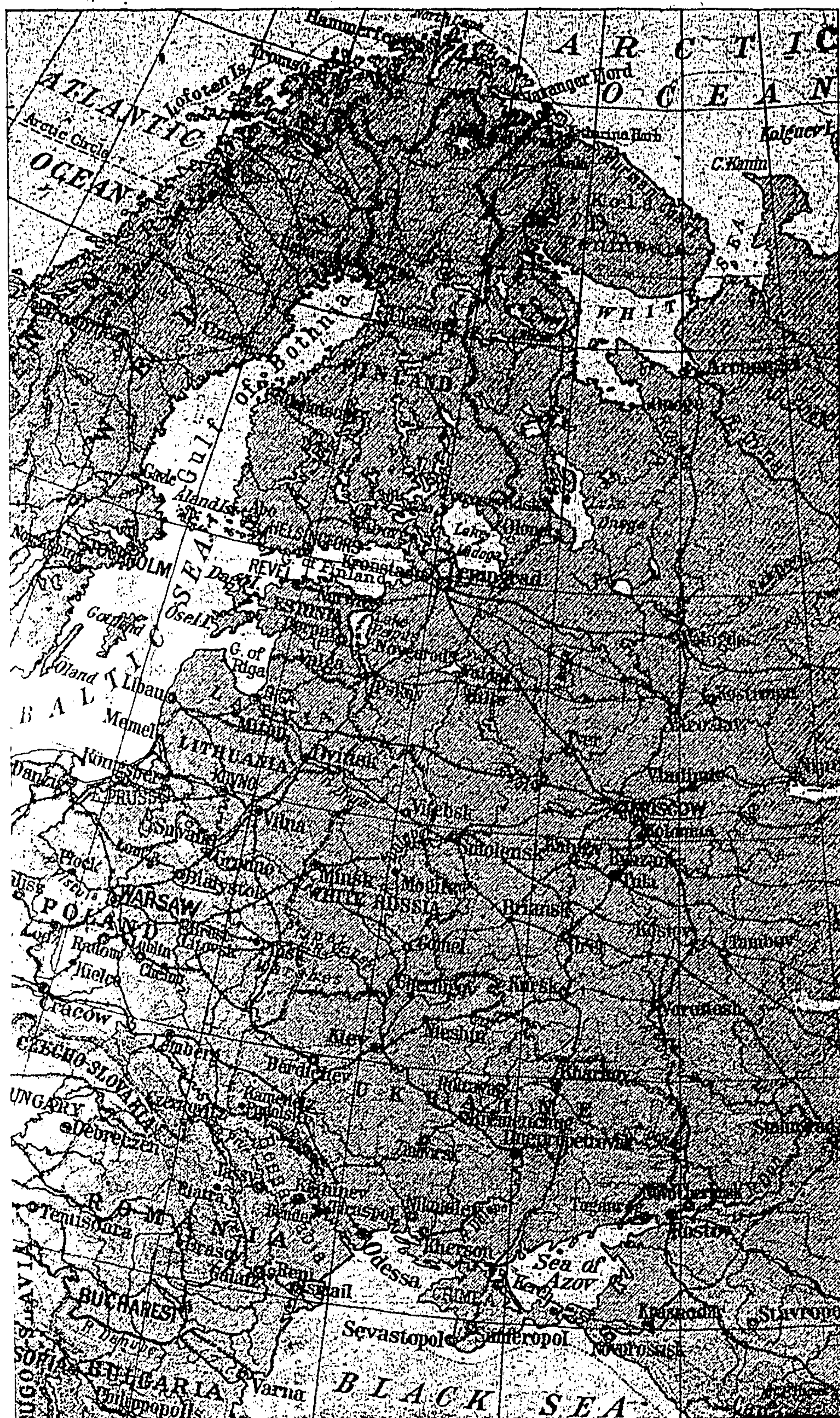
This remainder of the inquiry was held in private. Col. Trench's report will be published later.

ORANGES & ONIONS—HER PICK

Oranges and onions were among the articles which Dorothy Madeline Evans (32), shop assistant, of Harrow Road, employed at Messrs. Whiteleys, packed for herself at her firm's expense.

At the Marylebone Police Court she pleaded "Guilty" to stealing the oranges and onions, cucumbers, turnips, lettuce, six bundles of rhubarb, radishes, and 18lb. of potatoes to the value of £1 0s. 1d., and was remanded.

A detective said that the size of the parcel she had packed for herself aroused suspicion.



Nation To Hire Land Workers

(By An Industrial Correspondent)

NUMBERS OF MEN of 41 who registered recently for industrial service and some now due for military service because their jobs have been removed from the Schedule of Reserved Occupations may shortly be sent to work on the land.

Mr. Bevin, Labour Minister, has promised to find 10,000 men, mainly from these sources.

They will not, however, be employed by individual farmers, but will work for the County War Agricultural Executive Committees and will be given employment under the Essential Work Order. They will not be able to leave their jobs and the Committees will have no power to sack them.

In addition, farm workers will be entitled to leave their ordinary jobs and claim immediate employment by the Agricultural Committee under the same conditions. Farm workers who are out of work for 14 days will be required by the Ministry of Labour to take employment with the Committee.

To Reclaim Land

These workers will be employed mainly on drainage, ditch-

ing and other land reclamation work designed to bring the countryside into full production. This work has already greatly increased production.

Steps will be taken to transfer the workers under the control of these committees to other counties where labour is required. The men will also be available to help on farms at times of pressure.

This scheme is now under discussion and is subject to modifications.

Minimum Wage Plan

The minimum wage fixed by the Agricultural Committees will have an effect on wages paid throughout agriculture. The National Union of Agricultural Workers has submitted to the Essential Wages Board a claim of £3 national minimum.

The decision of the Board will be announced before the end of the month.

LEFT £131 ON PRAM

William Currie, a coal porter, of Wilkin Street, Kentish Town, went to a police station and produced £122 5s. 6d. He said he had found it under the mattress in his flat.

The other day he and his wife, Elizabeth Currie (42), appeared on remand charged with "stealing by finding" £131 12s. 2½d. cash and other property, valued at £147.

Mrs. St. George, of Leventon Street, Kentish Town, gave evidence that after sheltering in Kentish Town tube station she put down her bag on Mrs. Currie's pram.

Clever Detective

The Magistrate, Mr. Brodrick, congratulated Detective Jones. "I understand it was largely a clever piece of work on your part that the property came back which did come back."

Mr. Brodrick remarked that this was not a deliberate felony. These people found the property on their pram and were tried rather lightly. About £20 of the money was still missing.

He remanded the accused on bail for three months to give them an opportunity of repaying this amount by instalments.

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NIGHT BASEBALL IN AMERICA FACED WITH BLACK-OUT PROBLEM

ORGANISED BASEBALL TO-DAY FACES A PROBLEM POTENTIALLY FAR MORE SERIOUS THAN CONSCRIPTION—THE POSSIBILITY GROWING DEFENCE NEEDS FOR POWER MIGHT DIM OR EVEN BLACK-OUT THE HUNDREDS OF NIGHT BASEBALL PARKS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Night baseball has grown in leaps and bounds the past few years and now represents a multi-million dollar industry with gate appeal to match.

The United Press learned that the federal power commission, which may ration electricity in case of an emergency, will include the night baseball parks in its nation-wide inventory of the power situation which will be made.

Any plan to curtail night baseball will be a financial blow to the big leagues as well as to many minor circuits where nocturnal games are played.

Saved From Bankruptcy

From the time it was first introduced in Cincinnati in 1935, after-dark baseball has been a success and has saved many clubs from bankruptcy. Cincinnati Reds were among the poorest clubs in the majors but is now one of the most prosperous since night games were played at Crosley Field.

It was the pioneering spirit of Larry McPhail, then general manager of the Reds and now resident of the Brooklyn Dodgers, which gave baseball its biggest innovation since Abner Doubleday invented the game more than 100 years ago.

Huge Attendance

Night baseball drew 1,571,000 paying customers in the big leagues last year, out of a total attendance of 10,181,000. The night contests attracted an average crowd of 20,000 as against 5,000 which an average week-day game draws.

Six clubs in the National and five in the American League play night baseball. Washington Senators are the last to fall in line, with the lights installed only this year. Boston Red Sox and Chicago Cubs in the senior loop and Detroit Tigers, New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox in the junior circuit are the only clubs still without nocturnal contests.

Two of the biggest turnouts of 1940 were night games 59,009 in Cleveland on August 4 and 43,097 at the Polo Grounds in New York on August 7.

Limited To Seven

Each club is limited to seven games at home during the season, although the St. Louis Browns were permitted to stage 11 nocturnal arguments last year.

Johnny Vander Meer of the Reds achieved baseball immortality in 1933 when he hurled the first of his two

successive no-hit games during the inauguration of night baseball in Brooklyn, before 38,000 fans.

Big league clubs playing the game under the arc lights are: Brooklyn Dodgers, Cincinnati Reds, Pittsburgh Pirates, New York Giants, St. Louis Cardinals and Philadelphia Phillies in the National League, and Cleveland Indians, Chicago White Sox, St. Louis Browns, Philadelphia Athletics and Washington Senators in the American League.

TO-DAY'S WATER POLO GAMES

Following is to-day's programme of Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament games:

(At Army Pool)
Y. v. 5th A.A. R.A.
(6.30 p.m.)
Signals v. Royal Scots "B"
(7.00 p.m.)
Small Units v. Royal Scots "A"
(7.30 p.m.)
965th Battery R.A. v. 8th Regt. R.A.
(8.00 p.m.)
(At Navy Pool)
Royal Navy "B" v. 36th Battery R.A.
(5.00 p.m.)
ARMY SMALL UNITS LEAGUE
(At Army Pool)
12th Battery R.A. v. "A" Coy. Mid-
dlesex
(6.00 p.m.)

K. M. Omar, Craigengower Lawn Bowler, is in hospital suffering from dysentery and is unlikely to be playing this week-end.

C. S. Rosset, Craigengower First Division skip, sustained an eye injury during the black-out and may not be playing on Saturday.

The fixtures committee of Hong Kong Football Association, comprising Capt. R. E. Guest and Messrs J. Skinner and T. G. Stokes, meet this afternoon in the Association's offices at 5.15 p.m. to draw the first games of the season. Club secretaries may attend if they desire.

American tennis champion Don McNeill was among the Second Round winners at the Seabright (New Jersey) tournament yesterday. Bobby Riggs, former American and Wimbledon champion, and Frank Parker, Davis Cup player, also survived. Frank Shields lost 5-7, 3-6 to William Crosby and Gene Mako lost 2-6, 3-6 to Seymour Greenberg—Reuter.



From left to right in the above picture are Larry Lawrence, Chuck Waggoner, Nip Lum and Wong, four members of the Mohawks baseball team which made local baseball history when they humbled the hitherto unbeaten U.S.S. Mindanao in the League Baseball tilt at Railway Corner last Sunday by a 7 to 4 tally.

PAIRS HOLDERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

H. A. ALVES AND J. F. V. RIBEIRO, HOLDERS OF THE COLONY LAWN BOWLS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP SINCE 1939, RECEIVED UNEXPECTEDLY STRONG OPPOSITION FROM U. A. RUMJAHN AND A. H. RUMJAHN IN THE SECOND ROUND OF THE CURRENT COMPETITION AT CIVIL SERVICE CRICKET CLUB YESTERDAY, AND WERE ABLE TO WIN BY ONLY 28-27, A SINGLE AT THE LAST END DECIDING THE ISSUE.

U. A. Rumjahn was the outstanding player and his drawing and steady play, particularly in the early stages of the game, was excellent. Ribeiro was the better of the Releio pair.

The champions were lucky to survive as the Sookunpoo pair played good bowls and it was only the experience of the champions that gave them victory.

The Rumjahns opened with a three and, thanks to a five at the 4th and another at the 6th, led 14-7 at the 7th. Alves and Ribeiro then scored 2 4 4 to lead 17-14, though the Indians could have prevented the Releio pair from scoring so many. At the 14th the Rumjahns were leading 22-19, but were 25-22 in arrears at the 17th. A four and a single

FRIENDLY BOWLS

Civil Service Cricket Club beat Lane-ford in a friendly Lawn Bowls match at the Valley yesterday by 37 shots. W. McLeod, W. Gardiner, J. Gellatly and H. E. Strange (s) (C.S.C.C.) beat H. J. Prata, T. Edgar, G. Tanner and E. C. Fincher (s) 24-12.

W. Colledge, J. Hempsey, M. E. Purvis and E. W. C. Simmonds (s) (C.S.C.C.) beat E. F. S. Baker, J. Lodge, W. C. Ogley and H. W. Randall (s) 26-17.

P. Crawley, J. Carr, S. Eccleshall and W. J. Burling (s) (C.S.C.C.) beat H. Bonner, F. Hall, S. Carr and A. B. Hamson (s) 31-15.

gave them the lead at 27-25 at the 19th, but the champions drew level with a two at the next end. At the last end the Rumjahns were living the shot with a back wood Ribeiro was short with his last wood, but good enough for a measure. A. H. Rumjahn, with his last wood, endeavoured to promote a front wood, missed and scored an inch or two behind Ribeiro's wood.

The measure gave the champions the all-important shot. J.F.R.:—632030324432901229021 A.H.R.:—2,00505100040220004100

TO-DAY'S BOWLS

The only known game to-day in the Second Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship is between M. R. Abbas and A. R. Dallah and J. McCutcheon and C. Gowlan at Hong Kong Football Club.

It is probable that some of the remaining postponed games will also be played to-day.

AUSTRALIAN WICKET-KEEPER RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS

HAMPDEN S. LOVE, FORMER AUSTRALIAN TEST AND N. S. WALES AND VICTORIA CRICKETER IS NOW IN RETIREMENT AFTER 30 YEARS OF CRICKET.

But for Oldfield he would have "kept" more often than once for Australia vs. England, writes "Onlooker" in the "Ceylon Observer".

Love was very successful as a batsman in Australian Sheffield Shield cricket. He scored 1711 runs and averaged 38.4 in 52 innings for N. S. Wales and Victoria.

His highest score was 188. When Oldfield met with a nasty accident in the 3rd Test at Adelaide in 1933 against Jardine's team, sustaining a fracture of his skull in facing Larwood, the Australian selectors chose Love as wicket-keeper for the 4th Test. That was a memorable Test, in which Eddie Paynter coming on to the field

from a sick bed in the Brisbane Hospital played a great innings of 83 and saved his side from a tight corner.

The Test match at Brisbane ended in a victory for England a few minutes before a thunderstorm burst over the ground at Woolfingbaba.

It rained almost continuously in Brisbane for the next two or three days and so everyone said that England was very lucky to have obtained the needed runs so quickly on the last day. Love kept wickets quite well, but he did not come up to expectations in batting.

Like Reid, E. F. Waddy and L. O'Connor, "Hammy" Love was distinctly unlucky in not being chosen to visit England even once with an Australian team. He was certainly first-class both with bat and gloves and superior to all the other wicket-keepers who were chosen to visit England in 1926.

H.B. CLUB WITHDRAWAL RECONSIDERED

Rumours have been in circulation to the effect that H. B. Club are considering the withdrawal of their resignation from Hong Kong Baseball League.

It will be recalled that, following an unsuccessful application for a postponement of their game with U.S.S. Mindanao two weeks ago, H.B. club tendered their resignation from the League.

Asked if there was any truth in the rumour about their wanting to go back to the fold again, Mr. Dhun Ruttonjee, sponsor of H.B. Club, said, "Certainly we will withdraw our resignation if they will let us play off our fixture with Mindanao, but unless that happens we will not be returning to the League."

LANEFORD FOOTBALL PROSPECTS

"I AM RATHER DOUBTFUL ABOUT THE COMPOSITION OF OUR TEAM THIS YEAR FOR ONE OR TWO OF THE BOYS WHO PROMISED TO COME OVER, BELIEVING THAT OUR APPLICATION FOR ADMISION INTO SECOND DIVISION WOULD BE GRANTED, ARE RATHER UPSET THAT WE CAN PLAY ONLY IN THIRD DIVISION," SAID MR. F. HALL, TEAM MANAGER OF LANEFORD FOOTBALL TEAM, WHO HAVE JUST BEEN GRANTED AFFILIATION TO HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Hall said it was a big disappointment to all connected with the club that they could not secure entry into Second Division, but they would strive their utmost to gain promotion next year.

Two of Hong Kong Football Club's Second Division players of last year, C. J. Lodge and C. Carr, will be donning Laneford colours this season, while Leung Ping-kwan, who played for South China Athletic Association in the same division in the 1940-41 season, will also be turning out for them.

Two Brothers Also

Leung's two brothers, Ping-pui and Ping-sang, who played occasionally for South China last season, will also be included in the Laneford team.

"And that," said Mr. Hall, "is about as much as I can tell you for the moment. I am still talking to the boys who promised to come over originally, but who are now doubtful starters. I am hoping that all will turn out well."

Mr. Hall said that their greatest worry at the moment was trying to get a ground. Last year, he said, they were given permission to practice on the Navy ground at Caroline Hill.

Club Officials

Following are the officials of the Club:—
President:—Mr. P. H. Suckling.
Vice-President:—Mr. A. W. Brown.
Hon. Secretary:—Mr. F. Hall.
Hon. Secretary:—Mr. A. B. Hamson.
Committee members:—Messrs. Leung Po-shan, Lo Kwan-wai, W. C. Ogley, E. C. Fincher, H. Burson and Mrs. E. O. Murphy.

London football clubs which have been unable to accept the League fixture list which necessitates long distance travelling have formed a London War Football League. The Association will be asked to sanction the formation of this new League in which 11 London clubs and five nearby clubs will be members, making a programme of 30 matches.—Reuter.



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Recreio Tennis Success

Four of the five games in Third Division of the Tennis League were played yesterday and, with the exception of the Chinese Recreation Club (1) v. Club de Recreio game, which the latter won by the odd set, the other games were one-sided.

The game between South China, present leaders, and Kowloon Cricket Club was postponed.

C.R.C. (2) Win

At Sookunpoo, Indian Recreation Club lost to Chinese Recreation Club (2) by 9 sets to nil.

A. Rahmin and I. Kitchell (I.R.C.) lost to F. K. Lau and P. F. Wong 0-6
lost to C. W. Chu and J. F. Hon 1-6
lost to Y. Y. Lam and T. W. Lau 2-6
M. P. Madar and A. R. H. Esmail (I.R.C.)
lost to Lau and Wong 1-3
lost to Chu and Hon 2-6
lost to Lam and Lau 1-6
M. Hassan and M. A. Wahab (I.R.C.)
lost to Lau and Wong 3-6
lost to Chu and Hon 0-6
lost to Lam and Lau 2-6

Army Well Up

At Pokfulam, University Tennis Club lost to Army Tennis Club by 2 sets to 7.
K. Y. Tam and P. K. Hooi (H.K.U.T.C.)
lost to Murray and Megson 3-6
lost to Gibbs and Denyer 2-6
lost to Duffield and Emberson 2-6
T. Liu and K. Lo (H.K.U.T.C.)
lost to Murray and Megson 2-6
beat Gibbs and Denyer 6-4
lost to Duffield and Emberson 1-6
S. L. Yong and C. K. Cheah (H.K.U.T.C.)
beat Murray and Megson 6-4
lost to Gibbs and Denyer 5-7
lost to Duffield and Emberson 4-6

Big C.C.C. Win

At Happy Valley, Craigengower Cricket Club beat Kowloon Tong Garden City Association by 8 sets to 1.
W. J. Howard and K. L. Woo (C.C.C.)
beat L. Chen and A. H. Basto 6-1
lost to S. Hsu and D. Chen 3-6
beat D. Kwok and E. Penn 6-3
H. K. Lee and J. W. Leonard (C.C.C.)
beat Chen and Basto 6-0
beat Hsu and Chen 6-2
beat Kwok and Penn 6-2
P. C. Yu and M. C. Hung (C.C.C.)
beat Chen and Basto 6-2
beat Hsu and Chen 6-3
beat Kwok and Penn 6-1

Recreio Succeed

Chinese Recreation Club (1) lost to Club de Recreio by 4 sets to 5 at Causeway Bay yesterday.
C. Wei and H. Chung (C.R.C.)
lost to F. J. Remedios and J. C. Fonseca 1-6
beat H. A. Noronha and P. A. Yvanovich 6-0
beat R. A. Marques and A. J. Noronha 6-0
H. N. Chau and P. H. Chiu (C.R.C.)
beat Remedios and Fonseca 7-5
lost to Noronha and Yvanovich 3-6
lost to Marques and Noronha 4-6
S. Y. Tong and C. K. Li (C.R.C.)
lost to Remedios and Fonseca 0-6
beat Noronha and Yvanovich 7-5
lost to Marques and Noronha 3-6

Table To Date

	Sets	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	4	4	0	0	33½	11½	8	
A.T.C.	5	4	1	0	32½	12½	9	
Recreio	5	4	1	0	31	14	8	
C.R.C. (2)	3	3	0	0	22	5	6	
C.R.C. (1)	4	2	2	0	17½	18½	4	
C.C.C.	5	3	2	0	26½	18½	8	
K.I.T.C.	5	2	3	0	25	20	4	
K.C.C.	5	2	3	0	13	32	4	
H.K.U.T.C.	5	1	4	0	16½	28½	2	
K.T.G.C.A.	5	1	4	0	15½	29½	2	
I.R.C.	6	0	6	0	9	45	0	

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some of the teams:

C.B.A. v. A.T.C.
I.R.C. v. P.O.R.C. (1)
K.I.T.C. v. J.R.C.
C.R.C. v. F.C.
P.O.R.C. (2) v. S.C.A.A.
I.R.C.:—M. H. Hassan and G. Singh;
M. S. Hussain and M. I. Razack; A. J. Suffad and U. A. Rumjahn.
S.C.A.A.:—K. T. Wong and K. I. Sit;
H. K. Ho and C. L. Lau; C. T. Yip and W. H. Mok.
C.R.C.:—C. M. Wong and A. Lui; C. N. Tsang and T. F. Choy; M. C. Lau and C. T. Tso.
C.B.A.:—B. I. Blackford and D. T. Smith; D. Tomashevsky and G. Gurevitch; M. Bull and D. Parsons.
F.C.:—B. Poon and P. Poon; F. Gonzalez and W. Lee; T. S. Hsu and L. F. Souza.
K.I.T.C.:—K. S. Mehal and Y. J. Khan; U. H. Esmail and A. H. Mehal; K. Singh and N. S. Singh.
J.R.C.:—S. R. Ramler and B. Godkin; A. B. Pollak and M. Talan; B. Whitgob and A. Odell.

LAWN BOWLS CHANGES FOR SATURDAY

Hong Kong Football Club are making a few changes in their Second Division Lawn Bowls team for their match, against Recreio this week. Thomson, who was No. 3 to Macfarlane last week, will be No. 2 to Gill this time, replacing Howell, the latter not being available for this game. Thomson's place in Macfarlane's rink will be filled by Needham, who returns to the team after being an absentee last week.

One change is noted in Robertson's rink, in the No. 2 position, with C. B. Robertson taking the place of H. V. Pearce. Robertson was No. 3 to Graver in Third Division last week, and Pearce will not be playing on Saturday.

Two of the Third Division rinks, led by Mansell and Ralston respectively, will have a new No. 2 in Flippence, who takes over the job from J. M. Thomson, a non-starter this time, while the place of the promoted C. B. Robertson at No. 3 will be taken by Gratton.

Civil Service Changes

Civil Service Cricket Club are again making a change in one of the skips' positions for their First Division match with Kowloon B.C.C. "A" at the Valley this week-end.

Stimmonds, who was No. 3 to Deakin last week, changes positions with the

latter, while Seddon comes into the side as No. 2 in place of Carr, who is an absentee. With the exception of the fact that McKay, who did not play last week, returns to the side as No. 1 to take the place filled by Harper last week, there are no changes in Rakusen's four. In McGowan's rink Purvis is No. 3 instead of Burling, who will not be playing this week.

Paul Skips Again

Electric Recreation Club are changing their rinks about considerably for

B. T. Gosano, Recreio cricketer and softballer and well-known soccer player, is at present in Canossa Hospital suffering from eye trouble. He expects to be out in a few days.

Dr. A. L. Tsai has been granted permission to play for Craigengower Cricket Club in Third Division of Lawn Tennis League. Dr. Tsai played for University in First Division against South China when University lost by 6 sets to 3.

Mello Bettina, former world light-heavyweight champion, out-pointed Clarence Burman, protégé of Jack Dempsey, over 10 rounds in New York yesterday. A crowd of 10,000 saw Bettina score a comfortable victory—Reuter.

their Third Division match with Hong Kong Football Club this week-end.

Lunny, who had Tarbuck, Everett and Barron as his front men last week, will this time be leading Owens, Gahagan and Butler. Last week Gahagan was No. 2 to de Rome.

While he retains Gardner as his No. 3, Lunny will have two new players in Macfarlane and Gregory respectively. Groomer was his lead last Saturday.

Paul returns to the side as skip and his No. 3 will be Sloan, who had a rink comprising Baker, Stonehouse and Paul last week. Tarbuck will be No. 1 and Groomer No. 2.

Frank McCormick, Cincinnati first baseman, clouted four home runs on three successive opening days. He hit one in 1939, repeated in 1940 and manufactured two this year.

In the First Round of the handicap singles of the Kowloon Cricket Club Lawn Bowls competition, N. D. Lloyd (6) beat A. W. Smith (2). In the Third Round of the Club championship A. E. Perry beat H. Brokenshire.

The annual general meeting of Hong Kong Rifle Association will be held in the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel, to-day at 5.30 p.m. The election of a Council, President, Vice-Presidents, Auditor, Legal Adviser, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer are items on the agenda.

Selected Teams

Following are the selected teams:

HONG KONG F.C.
Second Division (v Recreio, away):—A. B. Coleman, J. D. Thomson, J. A. R. Selby and W. Gill (skip); A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, C. Needham, and W. Macfarlane (skip); R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brooksbank and K. S. Robertson (skip). Reserves: C. Carr and A. McAlpine.

Third Division (v Electric R.C., home):—T. H. Pearson, B. I. Blackford, G. E. Stephens and B. A. Mansell (skip); K. Forrow, J. M. Thomson, A. G. Gratton and G. S. Graver (skip); A. Bailey, J. Russell, S. Strange and J. Ralston (skip).

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.
First Division (v Kowloon B.C.C. "A", home):—J. Gellatly, T. Seddon, J. W. Deakin and E. W. Stimmonds (skip); H. McKay, M. Scott, V. S. Ebbage and M. N. Rakusen (skip); P. D. Crawley, W. H. E. Colledge, M. E. Purvis and J. F. McGowan (skip).

ELECTRIC R.C.
Third Division (v Hong Kong F.C., away):—W. E. Macfarlane, R. F. Gregory, A. G. Gardner and L. de Rome (skip); A. P. Tarbuck, E. L. Groomer, J. K. Sloan and A. F. Paul (skip); R. A. Owens, C. E. Gahagan, R. C. Butler and J. F. Lunny (skip). Reserves: W. Stoker, J. R. Way and W. Stonehouse.

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Japan's Demands Upon French Indo-China

INCREASING GRAVITY OF SITUATION

The international situation is even more serious than the general public understands and is rapidly becoming more serious, stated Mr. May, Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Military Committee, after leaving an executive session of the committee in Washington yesterday.

HAUSHOFER UNDER ARREST

THE CONTINUED HOUSE ARREST OF THE NAZI "GEO-POLITICAL" THEORIST, PROFESSOR HAUSHOFER, WHO WAS ARRESTED AT THE TIME OF THE HESS FLIGHT, WAS REPORTED YESTERDAY BY A REUTER CORRESPONDENT "SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE."

The same source reports the belief is held in many German circles that the army is likely to take over control of Germany from the Nazi Party this autumn if by then big successes against Russia are not achieved.—Reuter.

Ultimatum Not Doubted

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THERE IS LITTLE REASON TO DOUBT THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE NEWS THAT JAPAN HAS GIVEN VICHY AN ULTIMATUM ABOUT INDO-CHINA ALTHOUGH NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN LONDON.

Seeing that the Japanese are already installed in northern Indo-China, it will not be easy to prevent from spreading to the southern half.

It is probable, however, that the occupation of Indo-China is not an end in itself for the Japanese Government.

Rather is it likely that they will use it as a jumping-off ground for their vaster plans of imperialist expansion.

Whether they will travel southwards against the Dutch East Indies or westwards against Thailand, in the hope of ultimately severing the Burma road lifeline of Chungking is in the lap of the gods, but it is clear that a move in either direction will constitute a direct menace to British and American interests and will doubtless be weighed very carefully by Japan before she embarks upon any action.

The situation is being closely watched both in London and Washington and the two Governments have been in constant consultation with regard to all possible developments.

The Australian and the other Dominion Governments have also taken part in these exchanges of views. — Reuter.

GATHERING SIGNS OF CRISIS

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ger menacing Indo-China should the situation complicate further.

"IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A CRISIS INFINITELY VASTER THAN THE RECENT CRISIS IN THE NEAR EAST MAY ARISE IN THE FAR EAST, AND IN VIEW OF THE MATERIAL IMPOSSIBILITY OF MILITARY MEASURES, DIPLOMATIC MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN, IN AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN, TO ASSURE INDO-CHINA'S SAFETY."

The report also confirms that the Japanese Ambassador to Vichy, Mr. Sokomatsu Kato, recently visited Admiral Darlan twice, and recalls that relations between Indo-China and Japan are determined by economic and political agreements which are in full force.

Publication of this item by the official Government news agency appears to indicate that the Indo-China public is being prepared for the imminent announcement of an agreement giving Japan new facilities in southern Indo-China.

Transports Moving South?

While Japan has been presenting demands for air and naval bases in southern Indo-China, Japanese warships and troops transports have been moving south, according to a statement by the Chief of the Intelligence Department of the Chinese Army at a Chungking press conference yesterday.

He stated that seven Japanese warships, three aircraft-carriers and 55 destroyers were sighted off Kiushu, in southern Japan, on Tuesday steaming south.

Thirty transports, escorted by three warships, had also been steaming south from Canton.

Japan's Demands

The Japanese demands to Vichy include "the use of Camranh Bay as a naval base, the use of Saigon as an air base and the garrisoning of troops in southern Indo-China," according to the Chinese spokesman.

The spokesman said he was quoting from a cable from Vichy dated last Monday.

HE ADDED THE VICHY GOVERNMENT WAS AT PRESENT REFUSING THE JAPANESE DEMANDS.

Questioned about what action China would take in the event of a Japanese invasion of southern Indo-China, the spokesman stated China would take all necessary measures for her self-defence. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

After saying that the agreement of August, 1940, recognises that Japan has rights due to the nation most interested in the maintenance of order in the Far East, the official Vichy news agency adds:

"The Japanese are of opinion that events reported in the immediate neighbourhood of Indo-China constitute a threat to this order of which they are the defenders."

"French political observers are of opinion that in these circumstances the Japanese request to take certain measures may be taken into consideration as long as the rights of France in Indo-China are not encroached upon and all guarantees concerning her sovereignty are given her."—Reuter.

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VICHY ANNOUNCES THE DEED Japan To "Defend" Indo-China

Entry Of Troops Reported To Have Begun Already

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS WERE RECEIVED IN STOCKHOLM FROM BERLIN LAST NIGHT THAT JAPANESE TROOPS HAD ENTERED SOUTHERN INDO-CHINA AT SIX POINTS AND HAD OCCUPIED TWO AERODROMES.

Meanwhile, part confirmation was provided when Vichy announced successful negotiations with Japan for the "defence" of Indo-China, granting Japan military facilities.

According to this announcement the negotiations were carried on and completed in Hanoi. A Vichy spokesman said France could not defend the colony alone.

Two treaties have been drafted recognising Japan's preponderant role in the Far East and bestowing on Tokyo the task of maintaining peace in Indo-China. — International News Service.

Sense of gathering crisis increased this morning with a flood of messages from all quarters indicating that a forcible warning has been given to the Japanese Ambassador in Washington, and that mobilisation in Japan is proceeding to its maximum scale.

CRYPTIC PETAIN SPEECH

"We shall again perhaps have to defend our colonies," said Marshal Petain addressing students at Aix-en-Provence Military Academy yesterday.

"IF ANY NEW ADVENTURES SHOULD EVER BE UNDERTAKEN I HOPE WE SHALL FACE THEM WITH THE SAME ENERGY AND VIGOUR AS WAS SHOWN IN SYRIA."

"We are obliged to protect our colonies and the whole of our Colonial Empire on which our neighbours have their eyes."

"We must be able to defend it, and we must be ready for all eventualities." — Reuter.

"MINISTER FOR THE GERMAN EAST"

Alfred Rosenberg, Nazi special agent on Eastern questions, has been chosen "Minister for the German East," according to an unconfirmed report from the Berlin correspondent of the Zurich newspaper, "Die Tat." — Reuter.

No authoritative indication is forthcoming of the course of action likely to be pursued by Britain and the United States in the event of French acceptance of Japan's demands, but that close contact is being maintained between the two governments is officially announced.

The Franco-Japanese talks were the subject of a semi-official announcement made in Vichy last night but it contains no reference to a Japanese ultimatum to Indo-China.

The announcement says: "The conversations begun in two recent visits paid to Admiral Darlan by the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Somatsu Kato, are continuing by an intermediary of the Japanese diplomatic representation at Vichy."

"At the same time, Admiral Decoux, Governor-General of Indo-China, has several times received Major-General Sumita, head of the Japanese mission."

"These interchanges of view are taking place within the framework of the agreements concluded a year ago between France and Japan."

The press of unoccupied France so far has remained silent on the question.

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of opinion that in these circumstances the Japanese request to take certain measures may be taken into consideration as long as the rights of France in Indo-China are not encroached upon and all guarantees concerning her sovereignty are given her."

Call-Up In Japan

The Japanese are carrying out military mobilisation on a scale never seen before, according to reports reaching Shanghai to-day.

Thousands of conscripts previously classified as unfit for active service have been mobilised, it is stated, while many who had been discharged after service in China have again been called up.

Members of the Japanese community in Shanghai have also been called up and are leaving for Japan.

Reports received in Chungking state that three classes of reservists have already been mobilised in Japan while motor vehicles are being requisitioned.

Preparing Indo-China

A.R.I.P., the official Indo-China Government news agency, yesterday

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FRENCH SHIPPING FORBIDDEN TO LEAVE INDO-CHINA

According to travellers arriving in Singapore yesterday all French merchant shipping has been forbidden in the last four or five days to leave Indo-China harbours. They added no reason was given. — Reuter.

THAILAND POLICY

IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT TENSION IN THE FAR EAST, IN WHICH JAPANESE INTENTIONS REGARDING INDO-CHINA AND THAILAND ARE THE SUBJECT OF KEEN WORLDWIDE SPECULATION, SPECIAL IMPORTANCE ATTACHES TO THE LATEST PRO-NOUNCEMENT ON FOREIGN POLICY OF THE THAI PREMIER, LUANG PIBUL SONG-GRAM.

Bidding farewell to the official Thai delegation proceeding to Battambang to take over Indo-China territory ceded under the Tokyo Treaty, the Premier strongly emphasised Thailand would continue to adhere to strict neutrality. — Reuter.

WARNING BY COL. KNOX

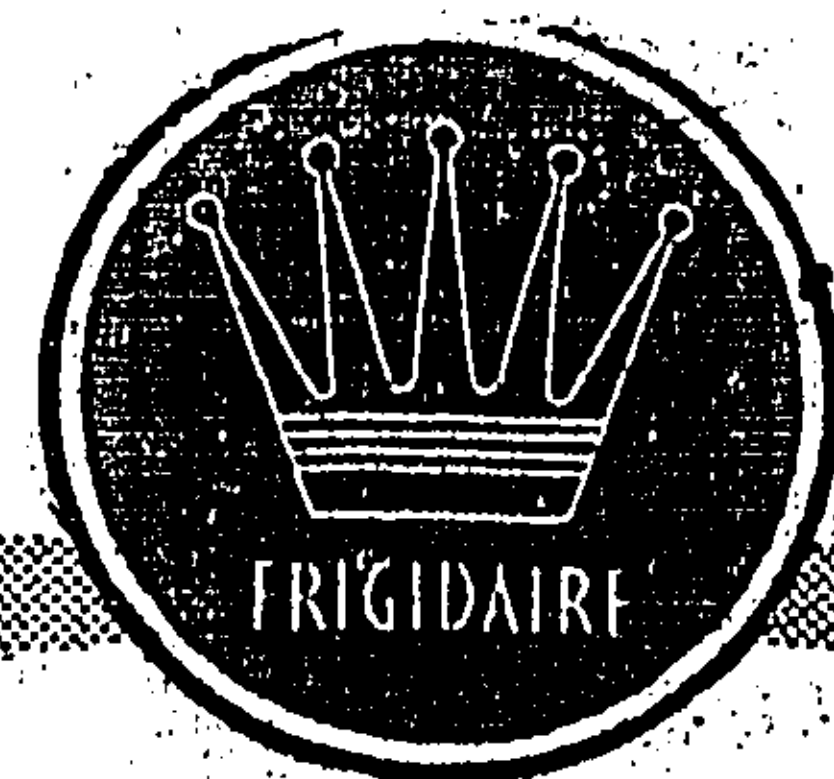
There is "no question" but that recent developments in the Far East, including the Japanese censorship, meant new military developments in that area, said Col. Frank Knox, U.S. Navy Secretary, at a press conference in Washington yesterday. "I LOOK FOR MOVEMENT OUT THERE — AND VERY SOON," SAID COL. KNOX, BUT HE DECLINED TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE DIRECTION OF THE MOVE.

"None can tell at this point whether it will go north or south," he said.

In reply to a question Col. Knox said the United States Pacific Fleet was in a position to do whatever was necessary to carry out American policy in the Far East. — Reuter.

U.S. NAVAL SHORE FACILITIES

The \$224,000,000 Bill for additional naval shore facilities passed the House of Representatives yesterday and has been sent to the Senate, says Reuter from Washington.



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Japanese Embassy Announces "Agreement" In Vichy Hints Of Indirect Counter Moves

THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, ANNOUNCING LAST NIGHT THE RECEIPT OF AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT JAPAN AND VICHY HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT OVER INDO-CHINA, DECLINED TO GIVE THE ORIGIN OF THE REPORT.

A Japanese demand probably concerning Camranh was expected in Washington by a number of observers but the demand covering the occupation of the whole country came as a surprise.

ROOSEVELT'S "CRIME"

The German press yesterday turned its full propaganda fury on President Roosevelt, who was attacked with unprecedented violence.

Newspapers reproduced photographs of President Roosevelt as a Freemason. — Reuter.

Discussion of the possible demands has already taken place among officials and legislative leaders in anticipation of the Japanese action.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that joint Anglo-American economic measures have already been planned against any Japanese aggressive move.

Three moves considered likely among well-informed Washington commentators are: THE STOPPING OF UNITED STATES GOLD PURCHASES, THE FREEZING OF JAPANESE ASSETS, AND A COMPLETE EMBARGO ON ESSENTIAL EXPORTS TO JAPAN.

Already it has been reported that Japanese gold shipments are so much above normal that it is likely Japan has been acting as intermediary to purchase dollars for the Nazis with German gold.

Indo-China Attitude

The possibility of China assisting Indo-China if she resists is felt to be impracticable in Wash-

ington as the railway linking Indo-China and Yunnan Province has been torn up on the Chinese frontier for some time past and the movement of materials and men through such mountainous country is considered impossible.

On the other hand the Chinese have made military expeditions in impossible terrain before now.

JAPANESE ACTION, IF AND WHEN IT BEGINS, IS EXPECTED TO BE CHIEFLY NAVAL, AFTER WHICH TROOPS MIGHT BE LANDED AT SAIGON AND IN AREAS AROUND CAMRANH.

Close observers believe Japan has chosen this moment in a manner which suggests Axis timing thinking that President Roosevelt is likely to do little while he is trying to get the Selectees Extension Bill through Congress.

Japan's Motives

It is believed in Washington that Japan is acting in her own interests rather than those of the Nazis who may benefit incidentally.

It is also suggested Japan, rightly or wrongly, feels that action against Indo-China is the maximum of aggressiveness which can be undertaken without rousing America and Britain to take up arms against her and if it is successful it would bring her within better striking distance of Singapore and the Dutch East Indies should a promising opportunity occur to attack those places later.

IT SEEMS CERTAIN, HOWEVER, THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE SOME ACTION.

A high State Department official in private conversation is reported to have said recently that America was "prepared" if Japan moved aggressively against Indo-China.

Further Strain

Mr. Sumner Welles, when he saw the Japanese Ambassador last night, is believed to have told him that a result of Japanese aggression in Indo-China or elsewhere will be a further strain on American-Japanese relations.

The Japanese Ambassador is an infrequent visitor at the State Department and the news of his call comes at a time when there are increasing signs that America is preparing to give new notice to Japan on the threat of military moves in the Pacific where, as Mr. Welles was expected to make clear to the Japanese envoy, the United States is vitally interested in the maintenance of peace. — Reuter.

Roosevelt Confers

Conflicting reports are being received in Washington from London, Tokyo and Shanghai regarding the latest Japanese moves and intentions in the Far East.

Mr. Roosevelt conferred at length with Mr. Welles and Senator George, presumably on the Pacific situation. The President admitted that the Neutrality Law was discussed but no decisions were made. — Central News.

HOME GUARDS ORGANISATION IN BURMA

The Governor of Burma yesterday issued an ordinance providing for the establishment of Home Guards. — Reuter.

PROUD SHARE OF INDIA

"ON BEHALF OF THE ARMY COUNCIL I WISH TO EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION OF THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE INDIAN TROOPS TO THE SUCCESS OF THE OPERATIONS IN SYRIA," SAYS CAPTAIN MARGESSON, SECRETARY FOR WAR, IN A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE VICEROY OF INDIA YESTERDAY.

Capt. Margesson added that the supreme effort of the Indian brigade at Damascus was, in co-operation with the Free French, decisive in the capture of that city while the speed and dash shown by the column advancing from Iraq into north-eastern Syria were powerful factors in bringing the campaign to an early conclusion.

The Viceroy replied: "Your message of appreciation is deeply valued in India. We are all proud of the share the Indian troops had in the Syrian operations and count it a privilege that units of the Indian Army were able to play a worthy part." — Reuter.

DAYLIGHT BOMBER ATTACKS

Blenheim bombers were out both yesterday morning and afternoon searching for enemy shipping off the coast of France and the Low Countries, states an Air Ministry communique.

During these operations one coastal vessel was sunk and another damaged.

Other Blenheims, escorted by a strong force of fighters, bombed objectives near St. Omer early in the afternoon.

British fighters encountered a number of enemy fighters and destroyed five of them.

British losses in all these operations were five bombers and five fighters but the pilot of one of the fighters is safe. — Reuter.

No To Be Drawn

SIR VICTOR WARRENDER, PARLIAMENTARY AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO THE ADMIRALTY, REFUSED TO BE DRAWN INTO DETAILS WHEN QUESTIONED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY ON U-BOAT LOSSES.

"While I regret that I am unable to give details of recent activities against U-boats I can state that results lately achieved have been encouraging." — Reuter.

JAPANESE ENVOY GIVEN WARNING BY AMERICA

MR. SUMNER WELLES, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, received the Japanese Ambassador in Washington, Admiral Nomura, last night.

It was believed Mr. Welles was likely to tell the Ambassador that any military move against Indo-China or elsewhere will cause an even further deterioration in American-Japanese relations.

After the meeting with Mr. Welles, which lasted 30 minutes, Admiral Nomura told pressmen that he hoped feeling "between our two countries will become better and better."

It is understood Admiral Nomura discussed the Far East situation, especially Indo-China, but he declined to make any observations on that question to the press, merely saying he had "approached the subject from our side."

Panama Position

Admiral Nomura also said he discussed the question of Japanese ships being unable to pass through the Panama Canal and he stated the ships could not remain at the Canal "permanently."

Eight or ten ships had gone to the south and would go round South America.

Mr. Welles told him that the Canal was closed indefinitely to merchant shipping for repairs. — Reuter.

DUKE'S VISIT TO CANADA

THE DOMINIONS OFFICE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED LAST EVENING THAT WITH THE KING'S APPROVAL THE DUKE OF KENT WILL SHORTLY BE PROCEEDING TO CANADA FOR A BRIEF VISIT.

The Duke is greatly interested in the Commonwealth air training plan and is desirous of seeing for himself some of the air training establishments where pilots and air crews are being trained.

The proposal has been warmly welcomed by the Canadian Government and the Royal Canadian Air Force. — Reuter.

Something Different---

THE "Overland China Mail," weekly edition of the "China Mail" and containing all local news from the "Hong Kong Sunday Herald," has made a change in its policy.

Far Eastern news will not now be contained in this edition, which will be devoted entirely to reports of local happenings.

The change has been prompted by local residents in Australia, and in order to give them complete coverage of local activities. Far Eastern news has been sacrificed.

The "Overland China Mail" is published every Wednesday at 25 cents per copy or 35 cents including postage overseas.

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Germans Thrown Back From The Outskirts Of Smolensk

RUSSIANS STILL IN CONTROL OF SITUATION

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Russia)

SMOLENSK, KEY CITY ON THE RUSSIAN CENTRAL FRONT, IS AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN IN RUSSIAN HANDS, I LEARN ON GOOD AUTHORITY IN MOSCOW, DESPITE GERMAN PROPAGANDA CLAIMS, LATER SUPPORTED BY THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND, THAT SMOLENSK WAS CAPTURED LAST WEDNESDAY.

SOVIET'S POISON GAS CHARGES

Further details concerning the contents of secret documents detailing instructions for the use of poison gas which, Soviet Russia claims, were seized from routed German soldiers at Zapadnaia - Psychna on July 15, have now been disclosed.

According to the Russian authorities, the captured packets were sealed and stamped by the German High Command and addressed to the 2/52 Nebel Mercer Regiment.

The high series number of one of the enclosed documents indicate that similar instructions had been issued to a great number of other regiments.

Detailed explanations bore the date July 11 and were concerned with the use of "withering" irritant gas shells, the purpose of which was to wear down the physique of an opponent, and then the use of blue ring and green ring gas shells containing vesicant (blistering) and other lethal gases. — Reuter.

SOVIET SINKS 10 NAZI SHIPS

Ten enemy ships, it is now learned, were sunk when Soviet bombers attacked an enemy convoy, states the official Soviet news agency.

Five ships were sunk by Soviet destroyers. The convoy was apparently intercepted in the Baltic when proceeding north.

Soviet fighters on patrol flashed back news of the presence of the enemy ships. Soviet bombers repeatedly attacked the ships while destroyers shelled the transports. The enemy vessels exploded and sank. — Reuter.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS BACK IN LONDON

General Meotlov and Col. Dragun, two members of the Russian military mission, returned to London last night after a visit to Moscow to report to the Soviet Government, says Reuter from London.

It is true that German advance units reached the outskirts of Smolensk some days ago but they were driven away.

Soviet communiques rightly continue to speak of "fighting in the direction of Smolensk."

A new impression is gaining ground among competent observers that the second big German offensive, directed mainly against Smolensk, is exhausting itself owing to the formidable Soviet resistance, by supply difficulties, intensified by the great distances to be covered, and frequent effective interference by Soviet guerrilla units.

In addition the Russians have set up many obstacles on the various but not numerous Smolensk to Moscow roads.

Hopeless Task

While such obstacles somewhat hamper the Soviet's own present communications with the front, they may be regarded as one reason why the Germans are beginning to realise that a frontal attack towards Moscow is a hopeless task and why they are endeavouring to explain to the German public that not Moscow but "the destruction of the Soviet army" before Moscow, is their immediate objective.

The whole situation in the Leningrad sector is more obscure.

German Thrust

The Russians do not believe that the German thrust across the highly fortified Karelian Isthmus or around Lake Ladoga, with its difficult lake and waterway-cut terrain, can succeed.

A DANGER TO LENINGRAD IS ONLY POSSIBLE FROM THE SOUTH-WEST BUT THE MAIN SOVIET TROOPS IN THIS SECTOR ARE HOLDING ON GRIMLY AROUND PSKOV AND THE POSITION OF THE GERMANS HERE IS NOT UNLIKE SMOLENSK.

In any case the whole region between Pskov and Leningrad, and also between Tallinn and Leningrad along the coast, is largely composed of forests and marshes with few roads.

Soviet Communique

A Soviet communique issued last night by the Soviet Information Bureau announced:

"During July 23 stubborn battles against the enemy were waged in the Polotsk-Nevel, Smolensk and Zhitomir directions, and on the Bessarabian sector of the front.

"At one point of the Bessarabian front our forces routed an enemy motorised regiment, capturing 400 cars, 300 motorcycles, 32 armoured cars, 25 guns, eight mine-throwers and other armaments.

"Our air force during July 23 delivered concentrated blows upon enemy mechanised units and aircraft on aerodromes."

Finnish Claim

The German-Finnish advance from Salla is now proceeding rapidly, having passed the boggy land, according to the Stockholm newspaper "Aftonbladet" correspondent at Helsinki yesterday.

The advance is evidently directed at Kandalaks with the object of cutting the Russians off from Murmansk. It is believed the attacking forces are now within 45 miles of Kandalaks. — Reuter.

Greece Too Big Handful

The fate of Greece is forming the chief subject of Italo-Bulgarian conversations which are taking place in Rome, according to the Rome correspondent of the "Tribune de Geneve."

The correspondent says: "Italy, which is finding the occupation of Greece a pure burden owing to war devastation and economic disorganisation is obliged to husband her own resources in view of the expectation of a very hard winter."

"Italy is therefore proposing that Bulgaria should share the task of keeping Greece alive and reconstructing the country." — Reuter.

INVITATION TO U.S. CONGRESSMEN

AN INVITATION HAS BEEN SENT BY TELEGRAM TO U.S. CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE BODY TO ENGLAND AS THE GUESTS OF THE BRITISH GROUP OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION AND THE BRITISH COUNCIL TO OBTAIN A FIRST-HAND IMPRESSION OF BRITISH LIFE IN ALL ITS ASPECTS UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS.

The telegram, which is signed by Sir Malcolm Robertson, Chairman of the British Council, and Colonel Arthur Evans, Chairman of the British Group, suggests the deputation might travel either by some of the bombers coming to Britain or by sea. — Reuter.

SOVIET MISSION SEES MR. EDEN

The Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Malsky, accompanied by Lt.-Gen. Golikov, who has just returned from Moscow, as well as Admiral Kharlamov, had a talk with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, yesterday afternoon, says a Reuter report from London.

SMOLENSK STILL IN RUSSIAN HANDS

Reuter's special correspondent learned reliably in Moscow yesterday that Smolensk has always been and still is in Russian hands.

German Call-Up For Army

The invasion of Russia has greatly increased Germany's labour difficulties, according to a statement by the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London last night.

Since the beginning of the year the Nazis have been faced by a growing shortage of workers, and industrial workers from all over the Continent are being sucked into the vacuum created by the intensified call-up in Germany.

A considerable new call-up for the army began in January and continued until March.

Even the more specialised workers from armament factories were mobilised and only a few key men of military age remain in agriculture, which has been left mainly to old men, women and children, foreign labourers and prisoners of war.

There are about 380,000 in building industries and these, it was stated, are mainly engaged in repairing what the R.A.F. knocks down because foreign workers are always placed in the most dangerous spots. — Reuter.

Guiding Factor

Germany's solution of her undoubted labour difficulties stands or falls by the outcome of the war with Russia.

As Germany intensifies the exploitation of occupied countries, labour shortages will begin to appear there too. Already the building of defence works for the Germans has led to a shortage of agricultural labour in western Europe.

These shortages will put a further strain on German administrative personnel already severely overworked.

"If the Russian army could be quickly destroyed the lack of manpower would not hamper Germany's war effort so much as in the past. If not, it will provide increasing difficulties for the German High Command."

Enormous Effort

In several directions Germany is making an enormous effort to overcome labour difficulties. It is revealed, for instance, that foreign labour employed has reached a figure over 1,300,000, including over 300,000 Italians.

Prisoners of war employed, according to figures given during the Spring of 1941 (since increased), numbered about 1,300,000 of which about one million were Poles.

German women have been mobilised almost to the limit latest figures showing at least 8,400,000 are employed.

The conscription of workers in more essential industries for transfer to war industries and from the factories to the armed forces has proceeded apace.

Nevertheless, in view of her huge and still increasing military expansion, Germany's labour problem still faces her in serious form.

It may well be that in the at-

DR. LANG ON AID TO RUSSIA

"We must wish every success to the valiant Russian armies and people in their struggle and be ready to give them every possible assistance," writes the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Canterbury Diocesan Gazette.

It may seem strange to combine "an alliance with Bolshevik Russia with the claim that we are contending for Christian civilisation," says the Primate, but such misgivings are really misplaced for the first essential of the struggle is to overthrow the evil embodied in the rulers of Germany.

A Nazi victory would destroy any tolerable form of government and the Soviets are contending for the principles of national freedom and independence. — Reuter.

New Tolerance

The Archbishop writes: "Russia is contending for the principles of national freedom and independence for which the British Commonwealth and the U.S.A. are standing."

"It may well be that the Russian defence of its own land and the new unity which this will bring may lead to a new tolerance of religion by the Soviet Government and a new resurgence of the interests of religion, always deep-seated in the heart of the Russian people."

"It is significant that on the outbreak of war thousands flocked to the churches for prayer in Moscow and elsewhere."

"We must therefore wish every success to the valiant Russian armies and people in the struggle and be ready to give them every possible help." — British Wireless.

VENGEANCE SOARS INTO ACTION

Smashing a glass wand filled with oxygen across the propeller hub of a new dive-bomber for Britain, Lady Halifax, wife of the British Ambassador, declared at Los Angeles yesterday:—

"I christen thee Vengeance, the newest 'V' in Britain's campaign for victory."

The dive-bomber, which is a low-wing monoplane, camouflaged, then roared off, climbed to 5,000 feet and went into a deafening dive to 1,000 feet while Vulture aircraft workers cheered.

Lord Halifax spoke briefly, reassuring the workers that "Britain is going to finish the job we started to do." — Reuter.

CHINA WAR BONDS

Subscriptions to the Chungking National Economy Savings Certificates during the past 12 months totalled \$407,030,000, according to a report by the certificates promotion committee, which was established on July 23, 1940. — Central News.

tack on Russia she hoped to find a solution. By Russia's resolute and continued resistance this solution is deferred. — British Wireless.

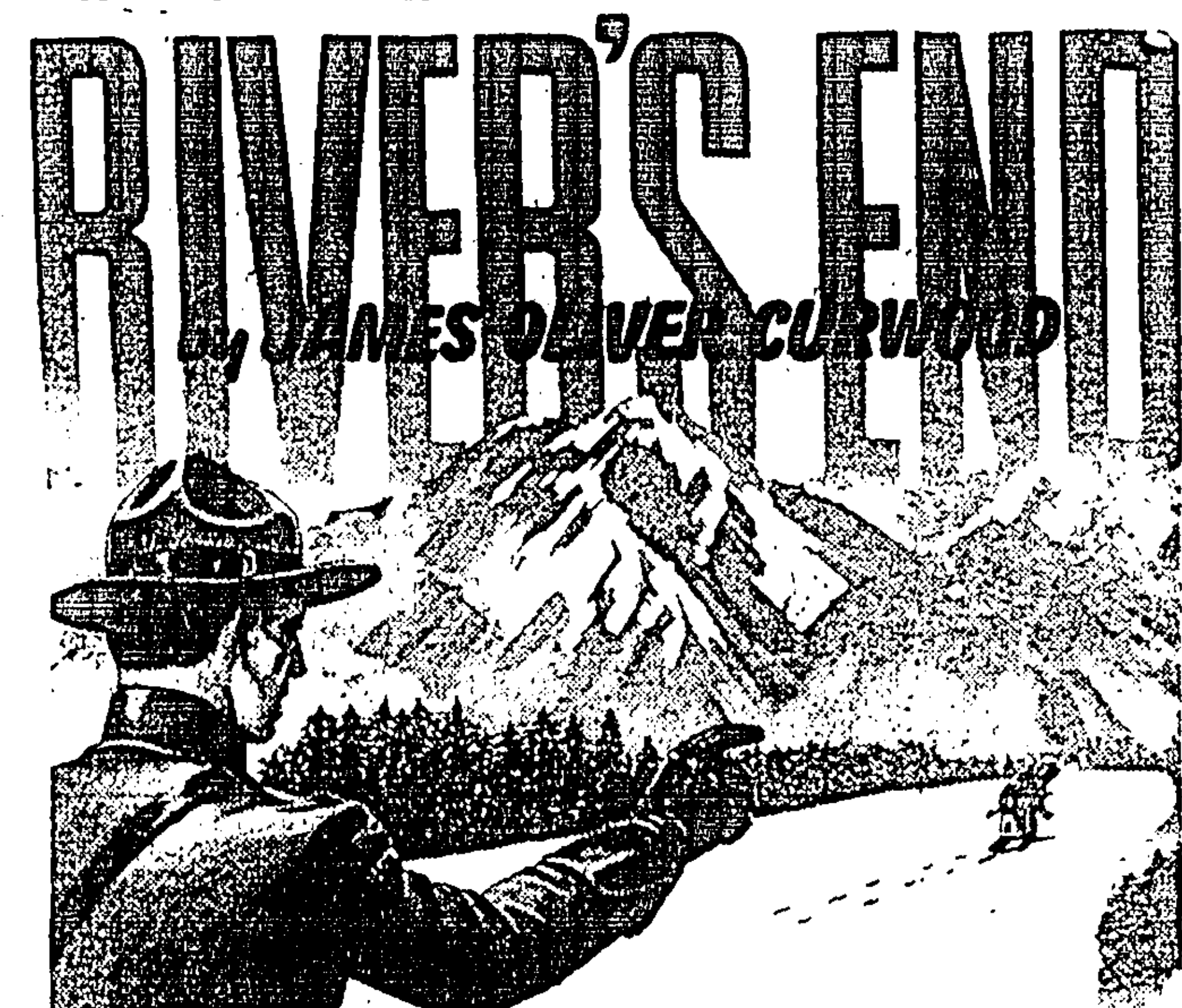
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MOSCOW TAKES RAID NO. 2 WITHOUT A THRILL

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Moscow)

THE RUSSIAN CAPITAL'S second aerial attack lacked novelty and thrill for Moscow's inhabitants although it came at the height of the great city's night life.

Earlier in the evening there was a short alarm without the appearance of enemy bombers, and while the sirens were still whistling the second alert, A.A. guns opened fire and continued until dawn.

Russian fire-fighting methods are effective, judging from the small number of fires lighted despite the great German effort, although the Soviet procedure is not always orthodox.

Many Russians received burns by recklessly grasping incendiaries in their bare hands. Already the Russians seem hardened to bombing, even women and children being less hurried in finding shelter in the tube stations, where the current is disconnected and smoking and rest rooms provided.

SOME BOMBS DROPPED IN SQUARES AND STREETS BUT TRAFFIC WAS NOT DISRUPTED AS MOSCOW'S STREETS ARE EXTREMELY WIDE AND CAN ACCOMMODATE TRAFFIC AND BOMB CRATERS.—REUTER.

EMERGENCY POWERS RESOLUTION

WHEN A RESOLUTION WAS MOVED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY FOR CONTINUING THE DEFENCE ACT EMERGENCY POWERS IN OPERATION FOR A FURTHER YEAR, MR. OSWALD PEAKS, UNDER-SECRETARY AT THE HOME OFFICE, REVEALED THAT IN ALL, 1,779 PEOPLE HAD BEEN DETAINED UNDER THE FAMOUS REGULATION 18 B.

Mr. Peaks intimated that this number had fallen to-day to 762. Of this number 292 were detained as members of an organisation which was subject to foreign influence or control.

Some were British subjects only by accident of birth and there were also others belonging to a sort of international underworld which floated from one capital to another without any strong national loyalty.—REUTER.

VESSEL BUILT IN 4 MONTHS

THE FIRST OF 30 10,000-TON CARGO SHIPS BEING BUILT FOR BRITAIN AT THE TODD SHIPYARDS IN CALIFORNIA IS EXPECTED TO BE LAUNCHED ON AUGUST 15, FOUR MONTHS TO THE DAY AFTER THE KEEL WAS LAID.

Three more hulls are now on the slipways.

Thirty similar vessels are being built at the Todd yards at Portland, Maine.—REUTER.



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FRENCH STRIKES RUTHLESSLY SUPPRESSED

COMMENTING ON MOSCOW broadcasts inciting French workers to strike and sabotage, the Zurich "National Zeitung" says widespread strike movements have been attempted among textile workers and coal miners in northern France.

The strikes, however, were instantly throttled by the occupation authorities who closed the food shops and prevented the sale of food to the strikers.

The Vichy authorities have a harder task to prevent strikes as they are reluctant to use similar drastic measures.

In the unoccupied zone "staggered" strikes, consisting of stoppages lasting several hours, are successfully carried out by individual sheds, which is sufficient to hold up production of whole factories.

According to the French pro-German weekly paper "Gringoire," 19,000 former officials of the French Communist Party have been arrested and 9,000 interned out of a total of 30,000.—REUTER.

AS BY A MIRACLE

"THE POSITION IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED AS IF BY A MIRACLE," SAID THE NAWAB OF RANPORE IN A STATEMENT ISSUED YESTERDAY AND QUOTED BY MADRAS RADIO.

Following the suppression of the Iraq revolt, Nazi domination of the Vichy administration of Syria has been checked and the safety of Egypt assured.

"It is a grand thought for all Moslems that such should be the position to-day as compared with what we feared two months ago." —REUTER.

JAPANESE LEAVING S. AFRICA

All Japanese private residents except three in South Africa are to be evacuated this week to Japan.

The consular and diplomatic staffs will remain but their families are returning.

The "Manila Maru" is being held up at Cape Town to take the evacuees aboard.

This vessel and the "Belgium Maru" at Durban will be the last Japanese ships to visit South Africa waters for some time, as the general representative of the Osaka Syosen Kaisha stated yesterday he had been advised that Japanese shipping services with South Africa were being temporarily suspended.

All Japanese businesses in South Africa are already shut down or will be by the end of this week.—REUTER.

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CAFE FOOD RAID CHARGE

An alleged raid on an Oxford Street restaurant by five men and the theft of 25lb. of tea, 40lb. of sugar, 69lb. of margarine, 13lb. of mutton, 32lb. of veal, and a bottle of gin was described at the Marlborough Street Police Court, the other day, when Andrew Flynn, a former porter at the restaurant, living at Lambeth Road, was committed for trial.

In a statement to a detective he is alleged to have said he concealed himself on the roof until everyone had gone and then went downstairs, forced a window, helped himself to a gin and lemonade and awaited the arrival of four other men whom he had arranged to let into the restaurant.

They found a black saloon car off Oxford Street, drove to the back entrance of the restaurant and eventually drove away with tea, meat, butter and a bottle of gin. The next day he received £5 as his share.

DUKE OF KENT GOING TO CANADA

The Duke of Kent will shortly arrive in Canada according to an announcement made in Ottawa yesterday by the Dominion Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King.—Reuter.

BEES STUNG 'EM?

Fighting Abyssinians, in order to gain weapons, prepared a plague of bees, which they turned loose among Italian camps in the recent successfully concluded campaign.

While the Italians, stung by the bees, were rushing about the Abyssinians dashed in and secured some of their arms.

Miss Sylvia Pankhurst said this at a meeting in London at which friends of Haile Selassie celebrated his return to his capital and the victories of Ethiopia.

BIG CONVOY OF EMPIRE RECRUITS

The largest convoy of Empire-trained military personnel ever to reach British shores recently arrived at a British port from Canada.

It included about 1,000 pilots and other airmen trained under the Empire air scheme, the largest body of trained naval personnel sent from any part of the Empire, and a military contingent representing reinforcements of every kind, including a complete road reconstruction unit of some 300 men.

The pilots formed a considerable proportion of the air personnel and were accompanied by a large body of technicians highly trained in detailed operations.

The air contingent arrived before its time. Under the original scheme training would not have been completed for another two or three months, but a branch overtook the schedule drawn up for training and provision of equipment.

Fully-Trained Men

The aim is to train 20,000 pilots and 30,000 air crew members each year. Large numbers of fully-trained men are arriving in this country with clockwork precision, and it is already clear that the estimate will be comfortably reached.

Wing Commander the Duke of Hamilton, on behalf of the Air Council, welcomed the men.

"Whatever happens in this war," the Duke said, "every operation so far proves beyond a shadow of doubt that success depends on air superiority. Production is of no use without trained airmen and ground staff."

When visited the airmen at their depot were all keen to get into action. "This is what we have been waiting for months," a young New Zealand pilot said.

One of the newcomers, a young Canadian sergeant pilot, who reported to the depot on a Sunday, was married on the Monday. He is now on a brief honeymoon before being posted to his squadron.

American Volunteers

Among the men were Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders, and R.A.F. men from Britain who had completed their course of training overseas. There was also a number of Americans.

The Canadians included Sgt. Andy Miller, an air gunner and amateur heavyweight boxing champion of Canada and Pilot Offr. Bobby Keffer, a football half-back.

One of the Americans, P. Clark, a Californian, fought in China against the Japanese, and later in the Spanish Civil War on the Republican side. He is to pilot planes from factory to airfield. Flyg. Offr. Beaumont, Missouri, with 1,800 commercial flying hours to his credit, will fly a fighter plane. Other Americans were Leland C. Lloyd, a flying stunt man of Texas, and Raymond S. Allan, 20, Oklahoma, who resigned his job as a flying instructor to aid Britain.

All the naval personnel in the convoy were "Canadians" regular naval men trained in British home waters. They will form a "pool" to reinforce the personnel of the Canadian Navy in British waters, which will have an autonomous character similar to the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Canadian Army.

The road reconstruction unit in the military contingent brought its own road-making equipment.

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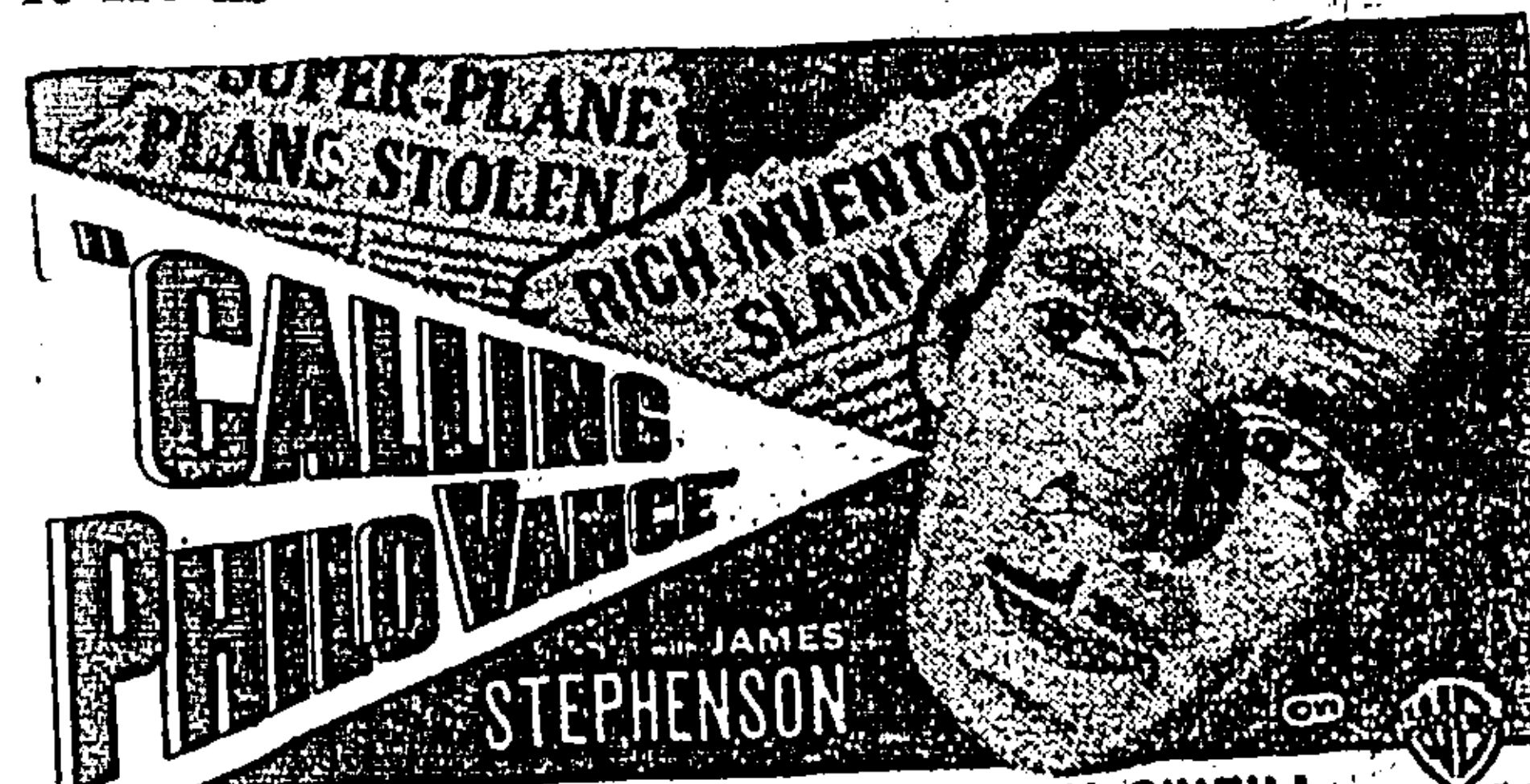
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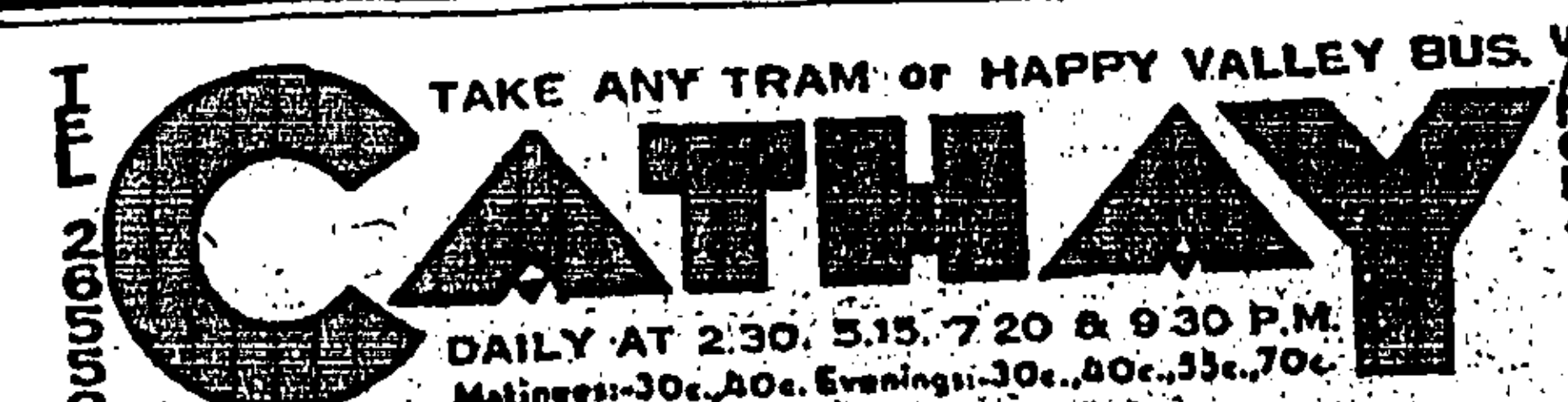
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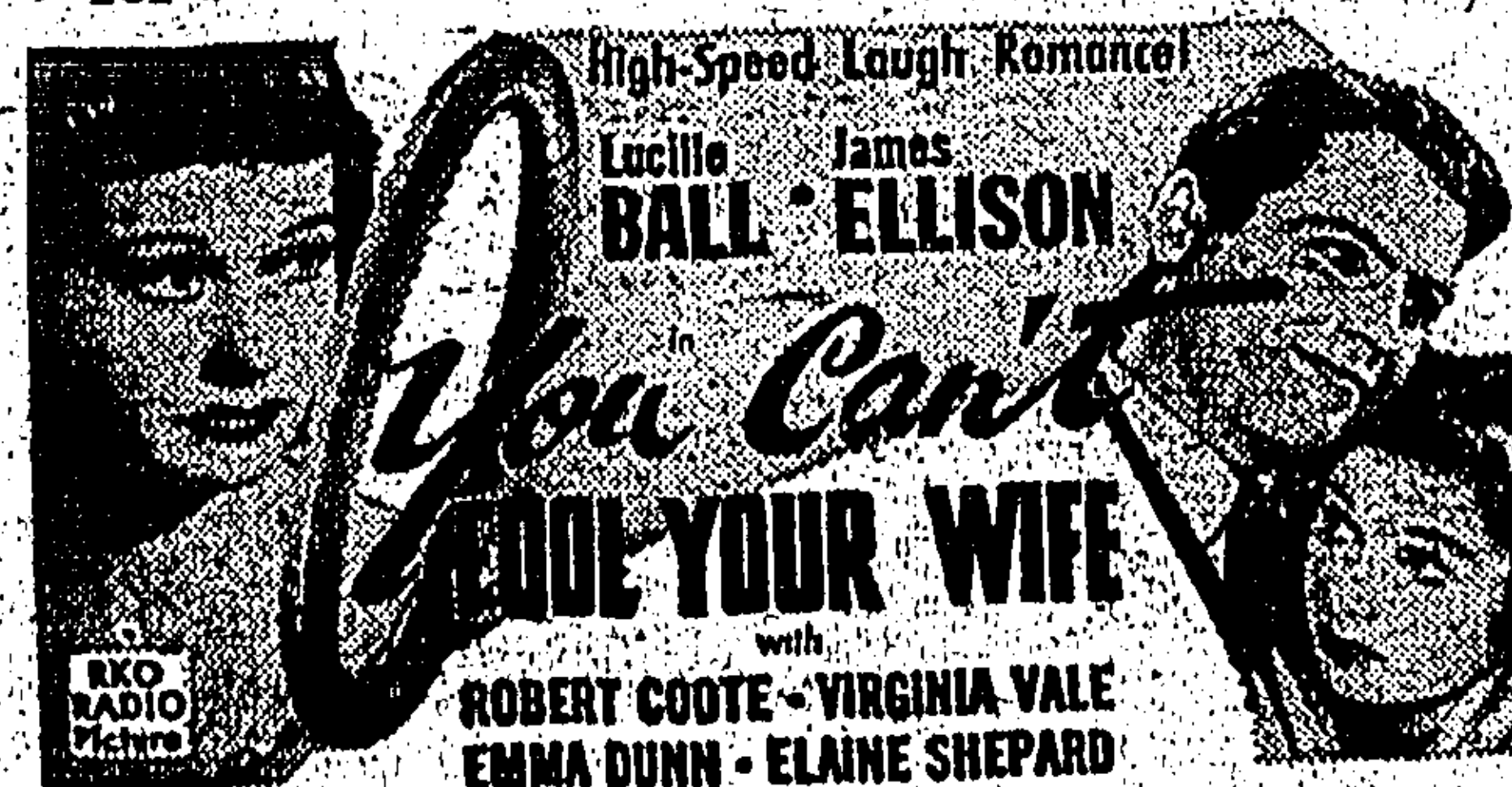


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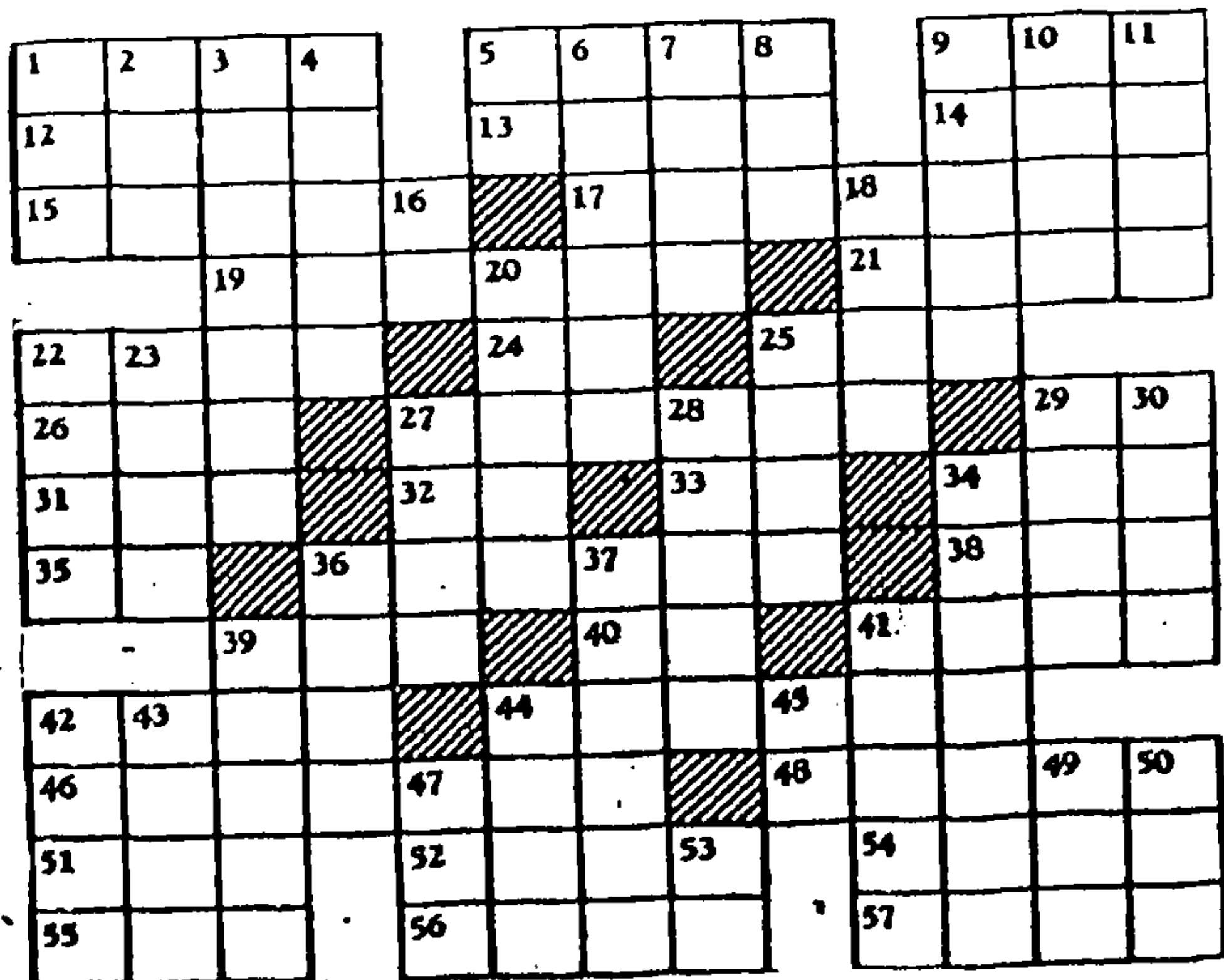
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- 1 Chair
- 5 Partly open
- 8 In what way
- 12 Italian river
- 13 Trust
- 14 Japanese sash
- 15 Platter
- 17 Patagonian deity
- 19 Looks with malignant satisfaction
- 21 Competent
- 22 Planet
- 24 Spanish article
- 25 Distorted
- 26 Arabian garment
- 27 German port
- 29 Egyptian deity
- 31 Jewel
- 32 Sloth
- 33 Confusion
- 34 Was victorious
- 35 Pronoun
- 36 To wrinkle
- 38 Long-handled implement
- 39 Seed vessel
- 40 Pronoun
- 41 To pass through a sieve
- 42 Continent

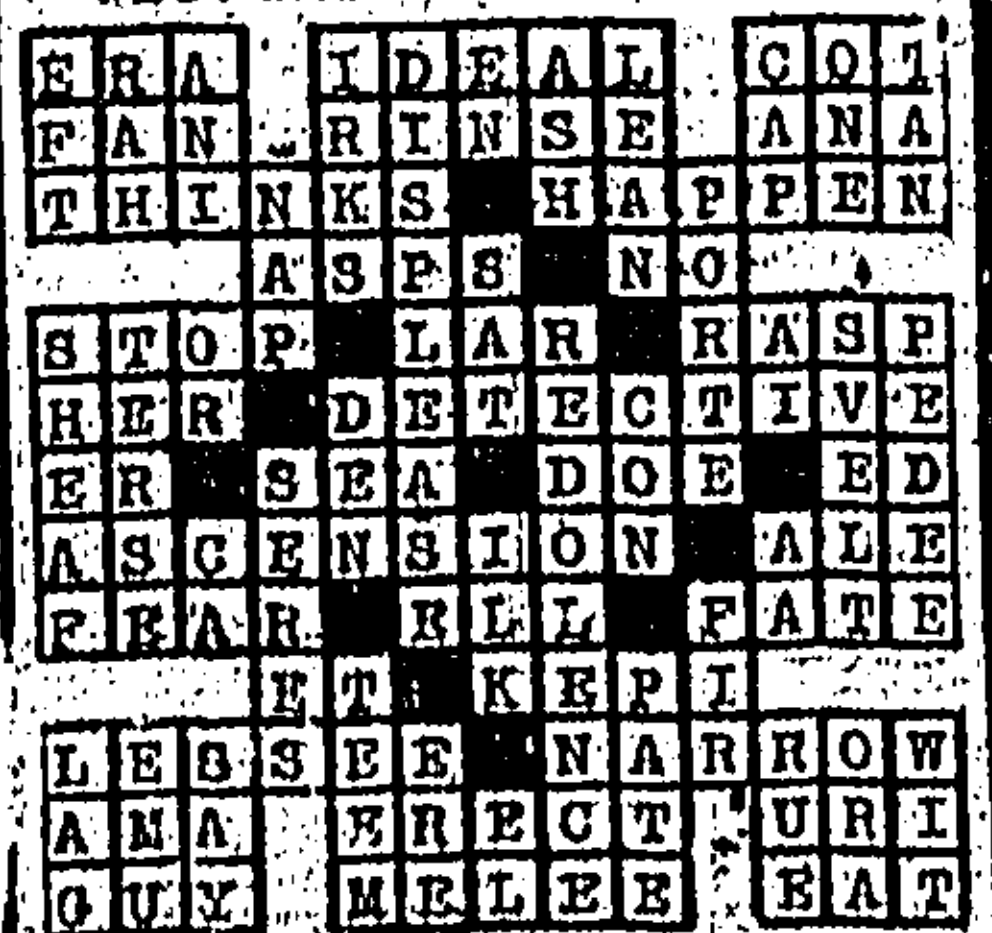
VERTICAL

- 1 To sink
- 2 To be mistaken
- 3 Word made with the letters of another
- 4 Labourer
- 5 Interjection
- 6 To bump
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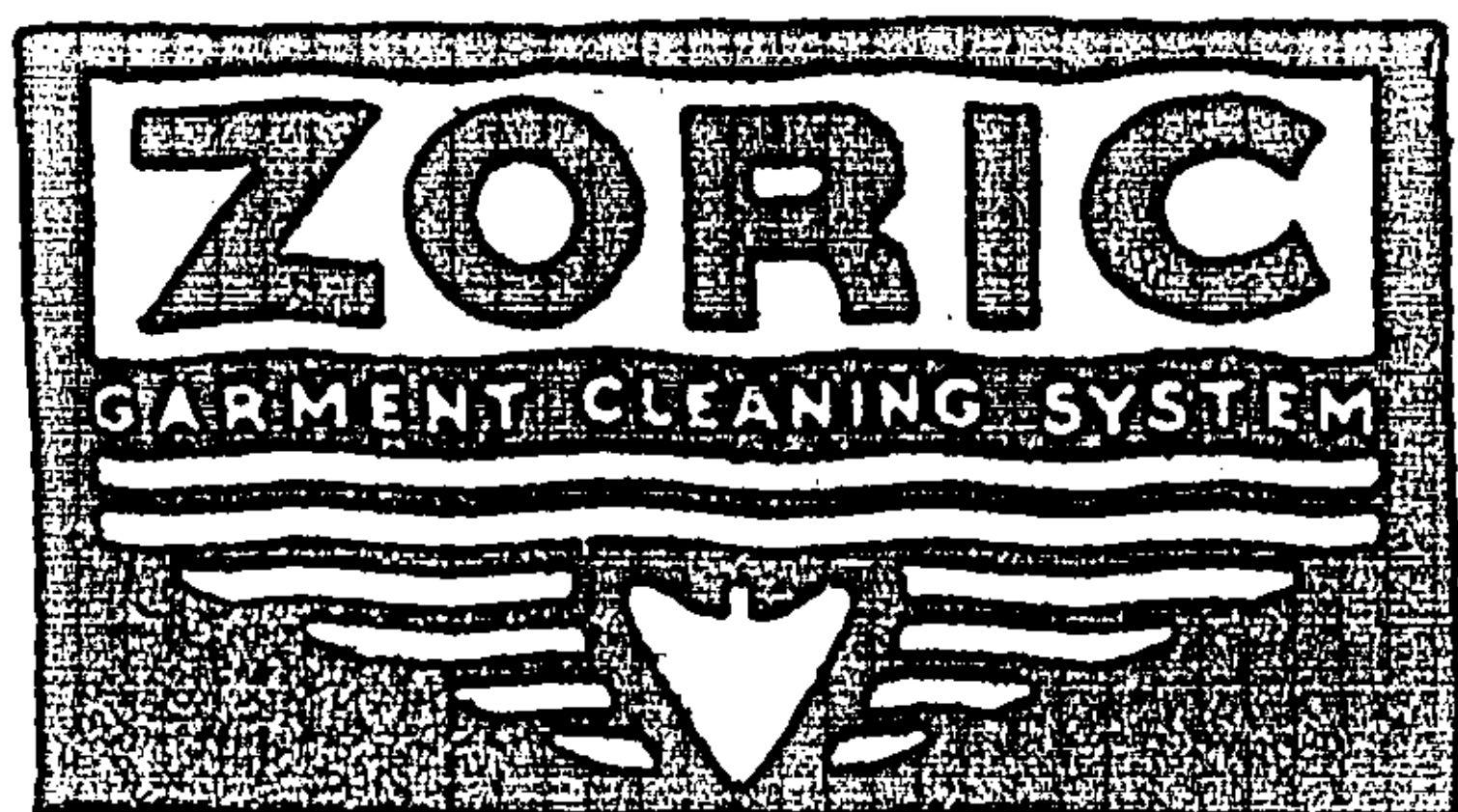
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Nazi Confession Of Toughness Of Soviet Resistance

SIGNIFICANT STATEMENTS ARE MADE BY A BERLIN COMMENTATOR GIVING THE DAILY "ELUCIDATION OF THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE" ON THE GERMAN RADIO LAST NIGHT.

The commentator said the battle in the East differed from that in the West because in the West either the men or their commanders realised that their resistance was useless, whereas the Soviet soldiers "created unexpected precedents by both attacking and defending at the same time."

After alleging that the Russians "allow themselves to be mown down and die at their posts," not because they have any love for the Bolshevik regime but because they are shot if they attempt to retreat, he added:

"That is why the number of prisoners so far taken is comparatively low though losses in Soviet dead have been extremely bloody and heavy.

"But to master this new type of campaign—for our attacks may come either from the front or rear—two qualities are necessary—intrépidity on the part of the soldiers and adaptability on the part of the commanders.

"Soft Earth"

"German soldiers must know how to help themselves and turn a difficult situation to their advantage."

The commentator gave as example the fighting in the southern sector where, in spite of "great difficulties occasioned by the soft earth," the Axis troops were slowly advancing," he declared.—Reuter.

PERSECUTION OF CATHOLICS IN POLAND

The wide dissemination of the official Catholic report on Nazi persecution of the Catholic Church in Poland was mentioned in the Commons yesterday when the Minister of Information was asked whether such reports did not expose the falsity of Hitler's claims to be "fighting a crusade against Russia."

The Minister said the Catholic report was part of the continual stream of information about persecution of churches in Germany and occupied countries which was being distributed all over the world through many channels.—British Wireless.

U.S. GIFT OF MOBILE CANTEENS

Mrs. Winant, wife of the U.S. Ambassador in London, yesterday presented thirteen mobile canteens, gift of friends in the U.S.A. to the Salvation Army for use in relief work in Britain.

This makes a total of 71 canteens now in Britain subscribed through the generosity of American people.—British Wireless.

TOUR OF DEFENCE INDUSTRIES

A mission representing both the management and labour side of British industries is visiting America to make a tour of defence industries.

This was stated in the Commons yesterday by the Lord Privy Seal, who added that the question of a reciprocal visit from America was under active consideration.—British Wireless.

AN OLD SPANISH CUSTOM?

Although there have been rather truculent statements by Spanish leaders in recent days it is well to remember, it was authoritatively stated in London, that Spain is still dependent on cargoes that go into her ports with British navicerts.

The position in Spain is that only in isolated areas is there a real sufficiency of home produced foods. The Spanish people, still suffering from the effects of the long drawn out Civil War, are living from hand to mouth.

There are few reserve stocks of any size in the country and we have sent cargoes of fish to Spain from Newfoundland.

British navicerts have been given for other essential cargoes from South America, and Spain's imports include meat and Canadian wheat.

A Spain involved in the war on the side of the Axis would almost immediately become a liability to the aggressor nations on whose side she cared to place herself.—British Wireless.

GERMAN PROTEST REJECTED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

BOLIVIA HAS FLATLY REJECTED THE NAZI PROTEST AGAINST THE EXPULSION OF THE GERMAN MINISTER IN LA PAZ, MAINTAINING IT IS A SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF BOLIVIA TO DECIDE FOR HERSELF WHO IS PERSONA NON GRATA.

Wendler, the Nazi Minister, is on the way to Rio de Janeiro and will probably fly to Europe by the Italian trans-Atlantic line.—International News Service.

ALLIED SHIP SUNK

The destruction in the north Atlantic of the Norwegian cargo steamer Vigrid, reportedly two days ago, was disclosed in maritime circles in New York yesterday.

Unofficially it is reported the vessel was carrying Red Cross nurses to England.—Reuter.

STALIN'S WAR CABINET

Stalin has added another Vice-Commissar of Defence to the group he has gathered around him, bringing the total up to six. The new Commissar is M. Peresipkin, who was formerly Commissar of Posts and Telegraphs.—Reuter.

HUGE NAZI SHIPPING LOSSES

Enemy shipping losses in the week ended July 21 were in part due to the highly successful low level attack on shipping at Rotterdam on the 16th and the complete break up of two enemy convoys on the 19th.

In the Rotterdam attack 11 ships varying in tonnage between 10,000 and 2,000, were hit and left smoking.

The Rotterdamsche Lloyd liner, "Balseran," a motor vessel of 17,000 tons, was hit by several bombs.

Two supply ships, each of 4,000 tons, exploded and a smaller vessel of the same kind was hit amidships and exploded.

In all 17 ships totalling between 90,000 and 100,000 tons were put out of action while five more ships totalling between 40,000 tons were severely damaged.

The other two big attacks took place off the Hague and the island of Norderney.

In the first off the Hague, the convoy was so strongly guarded by flakships that they almost equalled the number of vessels they were guarding.

Four vessels, one of 4,000 tons which blew up, and three of 6,000 tons each of which caught fire, were accounted for.

Later in the day, in a second convoy off Norderney, a tanker of about 10,000 tons and four ships—one of 6,000 tons, two of 8,000 tons one of 2,000 tons—were left blazing.

With other successful attacks, mainly off the French coast, a total of over 220,000 tons of enemy shipping was thus either disposed of altogether or put out of action for some time to come.—British Wireless.

HEINKEL SHOT DOWN

A GERMAN BOMBER, BELIEVED TO BE A HEINKEL III, WAS SHOT DOWN ON TUESDAY NIGHT BY COMBINED A.A. FIRE FROM A BRITISH CONVOY AND ESCORT VESSELS, SAYS AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE.

The bomber attempted to attack the convoy but was promptly and effectively engaged and soon hit. It was seen to crash into the sea.

No damage was suffered by ships of the convoy.—Reuter.

ISOLATIONIST CAUCUS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

FIFTY CONGRESSIONAL OP-ponents of the ROOSEVELT FOREIGN POLICY HAVE AGREED TO OPPOSE THE REQUEST FOR A DECLARATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

Senator Taft said the group opposed the retention of draftees, National Guards and reservists for indefinite Army duty.—International News Service.

BRENDAN BRACKEN TAKES OVER

Mr. Brendan Bracken, M.P., has taken up his duties as Minister of Information in succession to Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, appointed Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and yesterday met newspaper representatives working at the Ministry.—British Wireless.

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THE NEW ERA

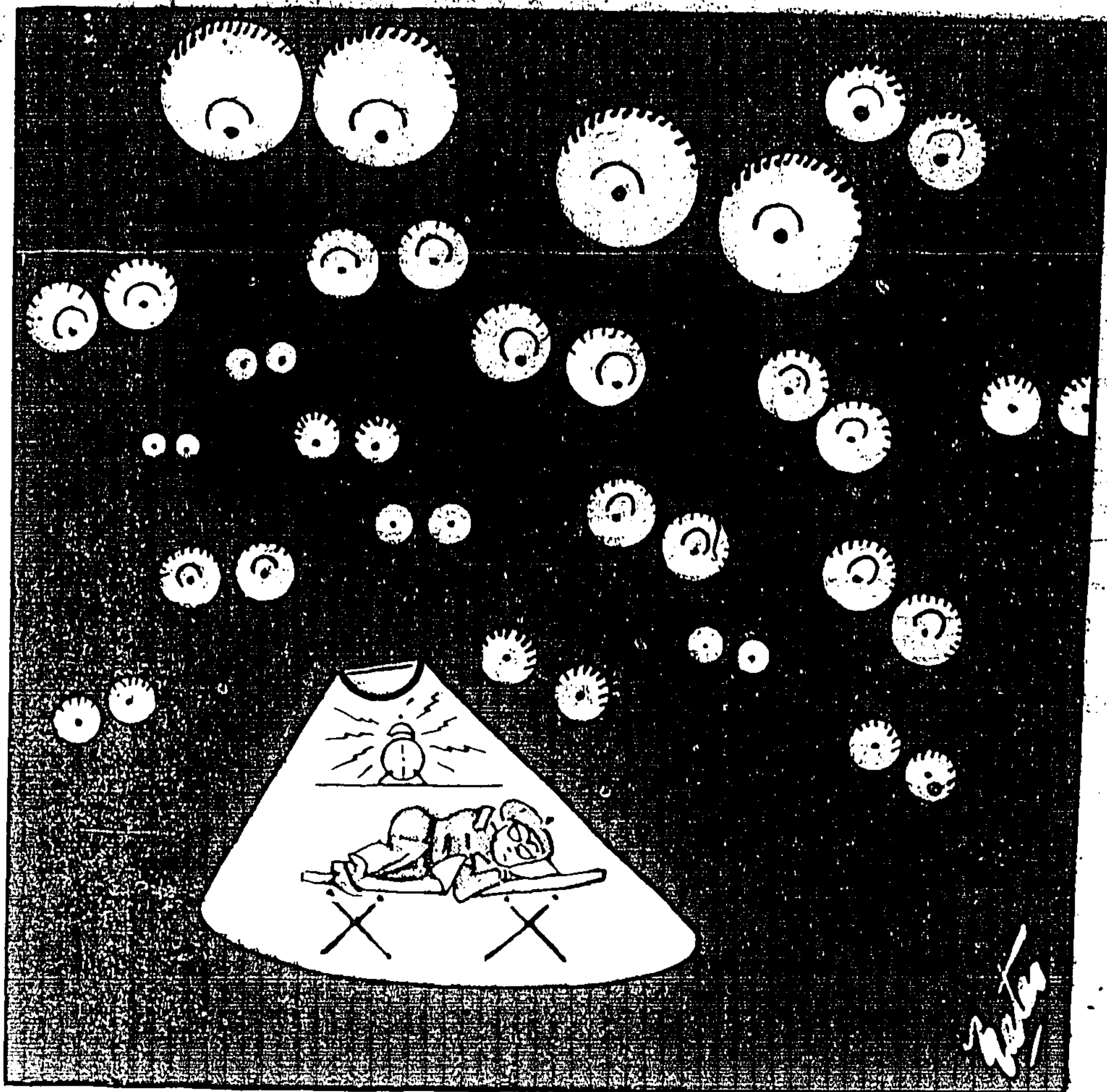
Commentators on world politics are all fully agreed that Japan now faces the crucial point in her history and that a decision as to her future policy must soon be arrived at. Japanese statesmen are fully aware of the seriousness of the position and of their responsibilities. Prince Konoye, as a preliminary to unobstructed thought has by forming a new Cabinet, dropped all those, including Mr. Matsuoka, who through their past political actions or statements, might tend to hamper the new era about to be inaugurated. As a result, Japan finds herself freer to-day than she has been for many months past to work out her own destiny.

What that new era actually includes few would venture to predict, but the Japanese Government now have time to consider whether they intend to follow a lost cause or to revert to Japan's former successful policy by making it possible for the people to exploit those commercial opportunities on which the country's prosperity so largely depends. Much of this prosperity has disappeared during the past few years and the reason requires no seeking. German ideas of military power carefully inculcated during months of steady labour are, however, not eradicated by a simple stroke of the pen and German influence is still strong in certain sections of the community. Fortunately for Japan it will not lie with German well-wishers to guide Japan at the present time so much as a cold and measured calculation by her statesmen of future possibilities.

The European situation is clearing with the increasing assurance that Hitler cannot win the war. It is evident that Hitler's past successes or any future successes he may obtain, when compared with the enormous population and powers of the British Empire, the United States and Russia, are of local character only. Hitler himself recognises the fact that unless he defeats Britain at sea and in the air, he cannot hope to dominate the world. That is the aim of all his efforts. His attack on Norway, his invasion of Western Europe, were made for the sole purpose of preparing the ground for the defeat of Britain as the preliminary to world domination. He failed miserably to cross the seas to Britain

because he had not succeeded in defeating the British. He failed to assist his ally — Italy — in Abyssinia. He failed, through lack of the command of the seas, to send a adequate supplies across the 60 miles of water between Sicily and Africa and thus was unable to attack Egypt. He curved back through Yugoslavia, Greece and Crete, but had to abandon helping Iraq and Syria. Finally he takes a gambler's chance against Russia hoping for a lightning and complete success. He is, in fact, a mad dog chasing its own tail around Europe in an effort to win the inevitable "battle for Britain."

So the picture stands. Britain, in spite of the loss of the French Army and Fleet and the long leeway to make up in arms production, has been able even at her lowest ebb to check Hitler at every turn. How can a final British victory be avoided when the full production of the Dominions and the United States — not to speak of Russia's enormous power of attack and resistance which has not yet broken — are thrown in against the common enemy of the whole world?



BLACK-OUT ENLIGHTENMENT

The Art Of Propaganda

Germany is now waging a psychological war as well as a military war. That psychological war is based in the principles of propaganda laid down by Adolf Hitler in his autobiography

"Mein Kampf." Below the book's most important passages on propaganda are published.

To whom must propaganda appeal? To the scientific intelligentsia or to the less educated masses? It must appeal forever and only to the masses!

The task of propaganda lies not in a scientific training of the individual, but rather in directing the masses toward certain facts, events, necessities, etc., the purpose being to move their importance into the masses' field of vision.

The art of propaganda is exclusively to attack this problem so skillfully that a general con-

By

Adolf Hitler

viction is created of the reality of a fact, of the necessity of an event—in other words, that something that is necessary is also right.

All propaganda should be popular and should adapt its intellectual level to the perception of the least intelligent of those toward whom it intends to direct itself. Therefore, its intellectual level must be screwed the lower, the greater the mass of people which one wants to attract. If—as with propaganda for carrying on a war—the object is to include an entire people in its field of action, there cannot be too much caution in avoiding too high spiritual assumptions.

The more modest, then, its scientific ballast is, and the more it exclusively considers the feelings of the masses, the more striking will be its success. Its success, moreover, is the best proof whether a particular piece of propaganda is right or wrong, and not whether it satisfies a few scholars or "esthetic" languishing monkeys.

The purpose of propaganda is not continually to produce interesting changes for a few blasé masters, but to convince, that means to convince the masses. The masses, however, with their inertia, always need a certain time before they are ready even to notice a single thing, and they

will devote their memories only to the thousandfold repetition of the most simple ideas.

For the art of propaganda lies in the fact that, understanding the great masses' worlds of ideas and feelings, it finds, by a correct psychological form, the way to the attention, and further to the heart, of the great masses. That our super-clever intellects never understand this proves only their mental inertia or their conceit.

But if one understands the necessity of using propaganda to attract the great masses, the following rule then results:

It is wrong to want to give propaganda the many-sidedness of scientific teaching.

The receptive ability of the great masses is only very limited; their understanding is small; on the other hand, their forgetfulness is great. This being so, all effective propaganda should be limited to a very few points which, in turn, should be used as slogans until even the very last man is able to imagine what is meant by such words. As soon as one sacrifices this basic principle and tries to become versatile, the effect will be frittered away, as the masses are neither able to digest the material offered to them nor to retain it. Thus the effect will be weakened and finally cancelled.

In the size of the lie there is always contained a certain factor of credibility, since the great masses of a people may be more corrupt in the bottom of their hearts than consciously and intentionally bad. Therefore, with the primitive simplicity of their minds, they will more easily fall victims to a great lie than to a small one, since they themselves lie sometimes in little things, but would certainly be too much ashamed of very great lies.

The great mass of a people is not composed of diplomats or of teachers of political law, or even of purely reasonable individuals who are able to pass judgment, but of childlike human beings who are as undecided as they are inclined toward doubts and uncertainty. As soon as one's own propaganda admits even a glimpse of right on the other side, the ground for doubting one's own cause is laid. The masses are not in a position to distinguish where the wrong of the enemy

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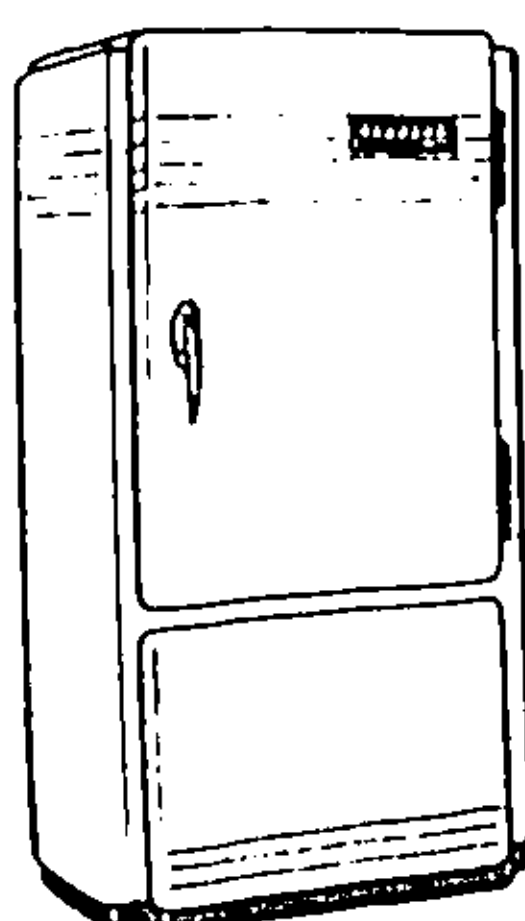
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OCCUPATION OF INDO-CHINA: WARNING OF BRITISH REPRISAL

THE LONDON "DAILY TELEGRAPH," IN A LEADER ON INDO-CHINA THIS MORNING, SAYS THAT AS AN EXCUSE FOR THIS LATEST PIECE OF BANDITRY JAPAN IS RESORTING ONCE AGAIN TO THE THREAD-BARE TACTIC OF PRETENDING THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO FORESTALL ALLEGED BRITISH DESIGNS.

It should hardly have needed Mr. Eden's categorical repudiation to convince Vichy that this is a mischievous lie invented by Tokyo for Tokyo's own ends.

Yet Vichy apparently prefers to believe that it is Britain and not Japan who is about to commit aggression against Indo-China, and put into the mouth of its radio commentator the statement that this would be "an unutterable act of piracy by a Britain who seems bent on launching attacks on the colonies of her old ally."

Once more, says the paper, it appears as if Marshal Petain's pledge to protect the French Empire is a pledge never to be honoured except when, as in Syria, Britain intends to eject the Axis intruders whom Vichy openly aided and abetted.

British Reprisal Likely

If and when Japan proceeds to the occupation of Indo-China, whether or not with the connivance of Vichy, it will be an act of aggression against which Britain will not be without means of effective reprisal.

Commons Statement

Japanese policy in the Far East was the subject of a written reply by the Foreign Secretary to a Commons question.

Mr. Eden said Government were aware of persistent reports to the effect the Japanese Government intended to take action to obtain naval and air bases in southern Indo-China.

The reports were the more significant since they coincided with the Japanese press campaign of innuendo against Britain in respect of both Indo-China and Thailand.

He welcomed this opportunity therefore to state that the alleged designs of Britain in both those countries were entirely non-existent.

As regards Indo-China, British relations had been much restricted since the collapse of France though a limited amount of trade continued.

As regards Thailand, British policy was governed by the Treaty of Non-Aggression with that country.

That Treaty was not designed to obtain exclusive advantages and it was not directed against any third party except insofar as such third party might attempt to interfere with those excellent neighbourly relations, political, economic and other, which had always existed between Britain and Thailand.—British Wireless.

TOBRUK SORTIE

When British and Imperial troops made a raid from Tobruk on the night of 17/18th July they killed 50 of the enemy and wounded another 100. The raiders' casualties were negligible.—British Wireless.

THE COAST CLEAR

It is officially stated: "No enemy aircraft crossed our coasts yesterday."—British Wireless.

YOUTHS SAIL CANOES 1,800 MILES

Having paddled their own canoes all the way from the coast of Maine, part of the way in the open Atlantic, two youths drifted into Biscayne Bay and declared Florida waters a heaven for canoeists.

Nat Gebhard and A. J. Henke left Bar Harbour, Maine, September 30, after having trucked their canoes there from Boston, where they had been employed in the Watertown Arsenal. They had saved money and decided to make the trip that had long been their plan.

They sailed in the open ocean from Bar Harbour to Cape Cod, Massachusetts, on the first leg of the voyage that brought them to Miami. They told of thrilling adventures when they were caught in changing tides and winds around Point Judith and Cape Hatteras in their light 16-foot shells with 33-inch beam.

They made no attempt at speed, 30 miles a day being good sailing, but 78 miles was their best run. Of the approximately 1,800-mile trip, 450 miles was in the open ocean. They ate and slept aboard, and when they cooked, they said they lashed the two canoes together and one sailed while the other prepared food on a two-burner stove.

AIRMEN'S DESERT THRILL

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at Gibraltar)

In the face of a hail of bullets from 200 hostile tribesmen acting as frontier guards, a Swordfish plane from Gibraltar rescued the crew of a British bomber which crashed on the North African coast.

The Swordfish was sent out to find the bomber, which was spotted burnt out. The pilot circled round for 10 minutes to investigate and saw 200 tribesmen grouped around the bomber, and the crew further off.

Taking advantage of a slight rise in ground to keep out of sight of the main body of tribesmen, the plane made a forced landing.

The crew dashed towards the Swordfish, zig-zagging as they ran, as the tribesmen opened fire when they realised what was happening.

THE PILOT TURNED THE SWORDFISH SO THAT THE SCREW KICKED UP A THICK SMOKESCREEN OF DUST PARTLY HIDING THE CREW WHO SCRAMBLED ABOARD AS THE PLANE TOOK OFF.

The Swordfish bore bullet marks when it returned to Gibraltar with the crew unhurt.—Reuter.

RECOGNITION OF CZECH GOVT.

Recognition by the British of the Czechoslovakian Government was announced in the Commons yesterday when Mr. Eden stated he had been glad to inform the Czechoslovakian Foreign Minister on July 18 of this decision.

Mr. Eden added that his Majesty had decided to accredit an envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the President of the Czechoslovak Republic.—British Wireless.

SIGNS OF TENSION IN JAPAN

SIGNS OF GROWING tension in the Far East were reported yesterday in a Shanghai despatch to the official Vichy news agency.

This says it was learned yesterday that foreigners who recently arrived at Nagasaki to spend a holiday in Japan were not allowed to go to a certain summer resort on the coast.

All Japanese shipping companies, the despatch says, announced yesterday morning that "because of the present situation" they would stop indicating the movements of their ships.

Another announcement stated that travellers from Tokyo to the Manchukuo part of Dalen could only take small suitcases with them.

Reason was to save space, and make it possible to cope with the "considerable" increase in the number of travellers going to Manchukuo.—Reuter.

LOAN AGREEMENT LEGISLATION

The Financial Powers (U.S.A. Securities) Bill, which confers on the Treasury powers for giving effect to the loan agreement between Britain and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, announced on Tuesday, was read a first time in the Commons yesterday.—British Wireless.

Three Men Who Are Leading Russians In Their Fight

VOROSHILOV, BUDENNY and Timonshenko are considered to-day to be the "Big Three" in the Red Army and all of them are playing an important part in the defence of Soviet Russia against the German invasion. These Russian military leaders have risen from the ranks and all three have been responsible for the numerous successes gained by the famed First Cavalry Army. A detailed sketch of each of these men follows:—

Marshal of the Soviet Union Klement Voroshilov, one of the most prominent figures of the Soviet State and the Red Army, was born in 1881 in the country's most important industrial area—the Donets basin. Beginning from his early childhood he worked for many years in the mines, metallurgical and machine-building plants in Lugansk, Petersburg and other cities.

Having early commenced revolutionary activity he took an active part in the preparation and organisation of the great October Revolution. Voroshilov showed himself a talented strategist when in 1918 Germans invaded the Soviet Ukraine. He organised numerous guerrilla detachments of Ukrainian workers and peasants into the fifth army which, under his command, inflicted upon the advancing German troops a series of heavy defeats. After many strenuous engagements Voroshilov managed to break the encirclement of German troops. Then began the celebrated march to Tsaritsin on the Volga to join the Soviet armies. During the defence of Tsaritsin, which was surrounded by a steel ring of the enemy hordes, Voroshilov revealed himself as a most talented strategist while serving as Stalin's first assistant.

Victories in 1919

In 1919 Voroshilov, together with Budenny, led the First Cavalry Army which covered itself with glory in victorious battles on the Don, in the Caucasus and the Donets basin. In 1921 after the end of the civil war Voroshilov commanded troops in the North Caucasian Military Area and took part in the quelling of the Kronstadt revolt. In 1924 he was appointed commander of the troops in the Moscow Military Area and member of the Revolutionary Military Council of the U.S.S.R.

Together with Frunze he took a very active part in the reorganisation of the Red Army. In 1925 Voroshilov became the Peoples' Commissar of the Army and Navy, and Chairman of the Revolutionary Military Council, and later People's Commissar of Defence of the U.S.S.R.

He devoted his talent and energy to convert the Red Army into a formidable force. For distinguished services to his country Voroshilov was decorated with three Orders of Lenin and four Orders of the Red Banner. In 1935 the title of Marshal of the Soviet Union was conferred on him.

In May 1940 he was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council of Peoples' Commissars of the U.S.S.R., and Chairman of the Defence Committee under the Council of Peoples' Commissars. At present he is a member of the State Committee of Defence.

Budenny, The Strategist

Talented strategist, hero of the Civil War, and Marshal of the Soviet Union, Semen Budenny was born in 1883 into a family of landless peasants in the Donets region. Nearly fifteen years of service in the Tsarist army, participation in the Russo-Japanese War and in the first World War on the western and Caucasian fronts—was for him a remarkable school of military art.

At the beginning of 1918, on returning to his native Cossack village of Platovskaya, he assumed command over a guerrilla cavalry detachment which fought against White Guard troops. Under Budenny, a detachment grew into a cavalry brigade, later into a division which, in January 1919, gained a series of brilliant victories over General Krasnov's cavalry and infantry. In the summer of 1919, the division was reorganised into the first Cavalry Corps.

Appointed To High Post

In the autumn of 1919 the First Cavalry Army was formed

through Stalin's initiative and Budenny was appointed commander. The First Cavalry Army played a decisive role in the defeat of Denikin and other armies. Then the army was transferred to the Polish front and later took an active part in the operations against Wrangel's armies which had entrenched themselves in the Crimea. After the civil war Budenny successively held posts of Assistant Commander-in-Chief for Cavalry, Member of the Revolutionary Military Council of the U.S.S.R., Inspector of the Red Army Cavalry, and Commander of Troops of the Moscow Military Area. Now he is Deputy Peoples' Commissar of the Defence of the U.S.S.R.

Budenny performed important services in the modernisation of the technical equipment of the Red Army and its cavalry. In 1932 on the eve of his 50th birthday he graduated with credit from the General Staff Academy.

For distinction in fighting and for his services in the organisation of the Red Army Budenny was awarded two Orders of Lenin, three Orders of the Red Banner and the Order of Mongolian Peoples' Republic. In 1935 the title of the Marshal of the Soviet Union was conferred on him.

Acclaimed Hero

Peoples' Commissar of Defence of the U.S.S.R. Semen Timoshenko, was born in 1895 in the village of Furmanka in Bessarabia to a poor peasant. In 1915 he was called to the colours as a private and fought throughout the World War.

At the beginning of the October Revolution in 1917 he participated in the rout of General Kaledin's anti-soviet detachments. Timoshenko's outstanding personal qualities rapidly earned him a rise to the foremost ranks of Red Army commanders.

In 1918 he participated in the defence of Tsaritsin under the direction of Stalin and Voroshilov. In 1919, when the Red Cavalry was formed in accordance with Lenin's and Stalin's instructions, Timoshenko was appointed Commander of the Sixth Cavalry Division of the Budenny Corps and later Commander of the Fourth Cavalry Division of the First Cavalry Army.

Plays Leading Role

According to Stalin, Timoshenko was one of those who laid the foundation of the First Cavalry Army and transformed it into a formidable force. After the civil war, Timoshenko graduated from several higher military courses and later successively held posts of Commander of the Third Cavalry Corps, Assistant Commander of troops of the Byelorussian Military Area, Assistant Commander of troops in the Kiev Military Area, and Commander of troops in the Caucasian and Kharkov Military Areas and the Kiev Special Military Area.

In the war with Finland, Timoshenko brilliantly displayed his talent as a military leader. Timoshenko was decorated with three Orders of the Red Banner and the Order of Lenin. In recognition of his exemplary execution of assignments and for the daring he displayed in the war with Finland he was awarded the title of "Hero of the Soviet Union." In 1940 he was appointed

FEW PHONE CALLS WHILE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

During President Roosevelt's 43-minute speech recently there was only one incoming call on the Associated Press office switchboard in New York.

The operator, who has handled the switchboard for 24 years, said the lone call was the least he had ever taken during a like period.

BIBLE IN BASIC ENGLISH

The recently published "New Testament in 1,000 words" is the first instalment of the Bible in Basic English planned by the Cambridge University Press.

This marks an important advance in this system of simplified English worked out by Mr. C. K. Ogden, in which some 850 words serve the same purpose as the half-million normally employed in speaking and writing English. Mr. Ogden's system is claimed to be the coming "universal language" since English is so widely spoken and is the only tongue in which a few hundred of its words can form a complete language.

Nearly a quarter of the people of the world know some English so that this tongue has a flying start for an international language.

In addition to the 850 fundamental words, 50 special "Bible words" and about 100 words listed in Basic English as giving most help in reading verse, have been employed in the Basic New Testament, so the total number used is around 1,000.

This has made for unusual clarity of thought in some passages although familiar cadences often differ considerably from the Authorised Version of the Bible. Many persons have thought it impossible to compass the Bible within the few words used in Basic English, but the publication of the new volume contradicts this belief. The Basic English New Testament is a new translation from the original Hebrew and Greek, not an adaptation from the Authorised Version.

ABERDEEN - ANGUS CATTLE BREAK SALES RECORDS

A thoroughbred Aberdeen-Angus bull was auctioned in Pleasant Plains recently for \$15,000 breaking a 20-year-old price record on the books of the Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Association.

The Bull, Ellenmere 260, was sold by J. Garrett Tolan of Pleasant Plains to Col. A. E. Pierce of Canterbury Farms, Warrenton, Va. Mr. Tolan's cattle broke another 20-year record on May 26, the Association said, when 30 head of thoroughbred Aberdeen-Angus were auctioned for an average of \$984.

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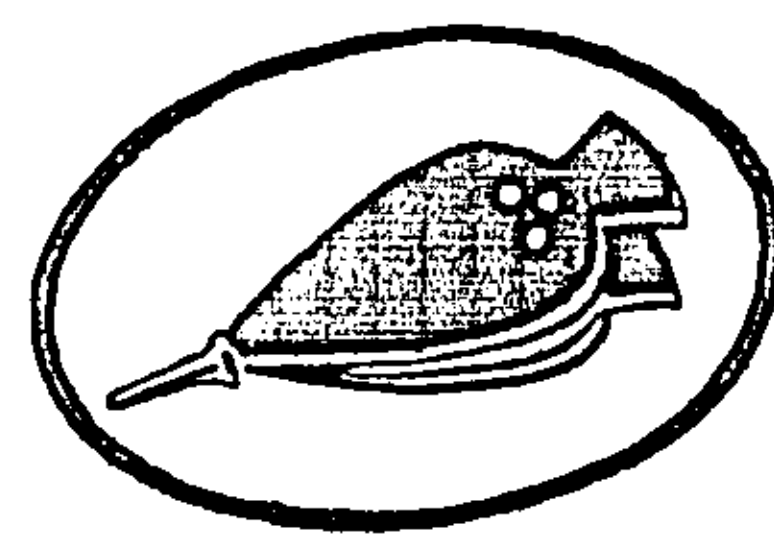


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BRIDGE NOTES

READING THE CARDS

By The Four Aces

When one defender starts with six spades and the other with only one spade, it is usually best to assume that the player with the six spades has any particular card of the suit. But South decided otherwise, and with good reason, in to-day's hand:

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A Q 6 3
♥ 7 5 4 3
♦ 6
♣ A Q 8 4

WEST EAST
♠ 10 9 8 5 ♠ K
♥ 4 2 ♥ K 10 9 6
♦ J 8 5 ♦ K Q 10 9
♣ J 10 6 3 ♣ 9 7

SOUTH
♠ J 7
♥ A Q J 8 2
♦ A 7 4
♣ K 6 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	2♦
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♥	Pass

West opened the Jack of diamonds, and South won with the Ace. He then ruffed a low diamond in the dummy and returned a low trump.

When East properly played the six of hearts, South finessed the Queen — and groaned when West discarded a spade.

Declarer realised that he was bound to lose a trump trick; and the slam therefore depended on discarding a spade on dummy's fourth club or on winning two spade tricks. So South picked up courage and went on with the play.

The first step was to ruff the other low diamond and finesse the Jack of hearts. Then South laid down the Ace of Trumps and began on the clubs. Unfortunately for South's peace of mind, however, East ruffed the third club and led a fourth round of diamonds. And now South knew that East had the blank King of spades!

The reason was that South had a complete count on West's hand. West had started without any trumps, with exactly three diamonds, and four clubs. Hence West had started with six spades. If those spades had been headed by the King, West would surely have bid over South's bid of two hearts. But West had passed; and therefore he could not hold the spade King. Thus, East was marked with the singleton King of spades!

South therefore ruffed the fourth diamond and led to the spade Ace. As expected, East dropped the King, allowing South to fulfill the Slam contract.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 4
♥ Q 7 6 3
♦ Q 8 3
♣ Q 7 6 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenker	You	Male
1♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid one no-trump. This is practically a maximum holding for this weak response, but there is no other response which will convey a clearer picture of your hand.

Score 100% for one no-trump, 30% for two clubs, 20% for two hearts.

Question No. 776

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	Schenker	You	Male
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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THE ART OF PROPAGANDA

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ends and their own begins. In this case they become uncertain and mistrusting, especially if their opponents do not produce the same nonsense but, instead, burden their enemy with all and the whole guilt. What is more easily explained than that finally one's own people believe more in the enemy's propaganda, which is carried through more completely and more uniformly, than in one's own?

(During the World War) for example, it was fundamentally wrong to paint the enemy in a ridiculous light, as the Austrian and German comic papers made a point of doing in their propaganda. It was wrong, because, when the enemy was actually met with in the flesh, our men were bound at once to receive an entirely different impression of him. This subsequently took its revenge in a most terrible manner. For the German soldier, under the direct impression of the enemy's resistance, now felt he had been deceived by the fabricators of his information up to that moment, and, instead of strengthening or at least confirming his fighting keenness, the contrary occurred. The men broke down.

On the other hand, the British and American war propaganda was psychologically correct. By displaying the German to their own people as a barbarian and a Hun, they prepared the individual soldier for the horrors of war and so helped guard him against disappointments. The most terrible weapon used against him was for him merely a confirmation of the information which he had received, and reinforced his faith in the truth of his government's assertions, while it heightened his rage against the villainous enemy.

The people, in an overwhelming majority, are so feminine in their nature and attitude that their activities and thoughts are motivated less by sober consideration than by feeling and sentiment.

This sentiment, however, is not complicated but very simple and consistent. It does not differentiate very much, but it is either a positive or negative; love or hate, right or wrong, truth or lie; but never half this and half that, or partially, etc.

No matter how skillfully propaganda is presented it will not lead to success unless a fundamental principle is considered with continually sharp attention: it has to confine itself to little and to repeat this eternally. Here, too, persistence, as in so many other things in this world, is the first and the most important condition for success.

Alteration of methods must never alter the essence of what propaganda is meant to achieve; in the end it always must say the same. Thus the slogan may be illuminated from various angles, but the end of every effort must always and again be the slogan itself. Only in this way can and will propaganda be consistently effective.

By propaganda, with clever and permanent application, even heaven can be palmed off on a people as hell and, the other way around, the most wretched life as Paradise.

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Fittings and letters were buried under tons of debris, while five bombs showered on the roof, but the sorters, three of them injured, carried on.

One, named English, crawled over the debris with a hurricane lamp, salvaged as much correspondence as he could, and the sorting continued.

The men have received a message of appreciation from the Postmaster-General.

VICHY TO SUBSIDIZE FILMS

The French Government announced to-day a plan which virtually would subsidise the French motion picture industry in competition with foreign films.

The Government recently issued a decree banning the showing of any films which were exhibited in France before October, 1937, with the exception of a few of unusual merit or educational interest.

Both measures were undertaken to build up the French movie industry which has been hit by the war, particularly because of a shortage of raw film.

[Only a few French pictures have been made since the armistice and they have been laden with propaganda for the Vichy Government and its theories.

Most teachers in the occupied zone show German films dubbed in French. Few German films have gone to the unoccupied zone.

Several French cinema stars are in Hollywood, Calif., and others have expressed the hope they could go, saying that the industry was at least temporarily "finished" in France.]

The new law authorised the State to advance up to 65 per cent. of the total cost of the protected film, the remainder to be assumed by the producer.

The statute increased state control of French film production, which was already under supervision since actors could play only if they had a Government identity card.

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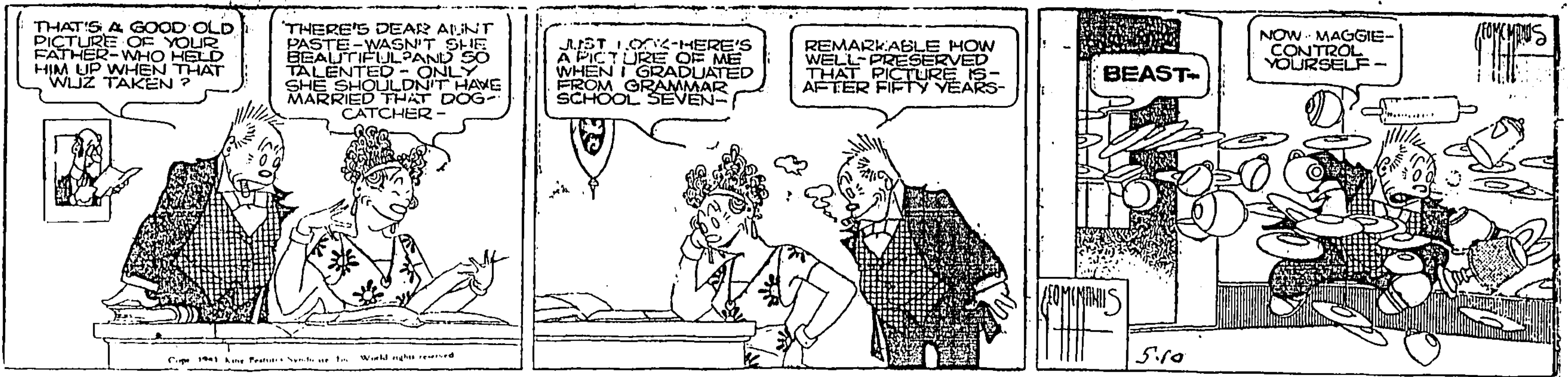
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Do Your Feet Ache?

Many things may cause your feet to ache - posture defects, walking on hard pavements, standing too long on your feet, overweight, ill-fitting shoes, a weakened spine or any one of a dozen diseases. Whatever the cause the remedy is usually corrective exercise, or treatment by a professional.

Miss Dorothy Nye, who has written a splendid book on exercise for the entire body, has originated a series of foot exercises which has brought relief to numerous women.

She suggests that these exercises be done with the weight off the feet, and she cautions one that foot reconstruction work is a long, tedious process. But perseverance will bring the results you yearn for - strong feet which give you no discomfort whatever.

Here is her first foot routine which adult or child may practice every day.

Exercise 1: Lying down, feet apart, extend the legs straight out, heels pushing hard, and rotate the toes inward, big toes touching. Relax and allow feet to fall back in place. Repeat five times. Relax again. Gradually work up to twenty times.

Exercise 2: Sitting up, legs stretched out from body, heels on floor, pull foot back from ankle joint as far as you can, at same time gripping toes under. Relax, then extend feet forward, toes leading, and grip with the toes. Relax and repeat both movements five times. Work up to twenty-five times.

Exercise 3: Sitting, place towel on floor with toes of both feet just over its edge and heels firmly on floor. With gripping movements of the toes, pull towel back. Continue to grip and relax until most of the towel is pulled back under the foot. Repeat four to five times.

Exercise 4: Walk with toes pointing in toward each other and toes pulled under as far as they will go (pigeon-toed fashion). Hold toes in this fashion and walk around fair-sized room. Shake first one foot then the other until all the muscles are completely relaxed.

Exercise 5: Sitting, loop towel under metatarsal arch or at ball of left foot. Extend left leg



Playing in the sand barefooted is splendid exercise for weak feet. Elsie Knox takes advantage of summer play days.

straight out, heel leading, knee foot is rotated inward. Repeat five straight, and pull towel taut. Grip times with left foot, then with toes hard over edge of towel, pulling right foot. Ten to twenty times harder with right hand so the altogether.

Cool Drinks For Summer

Wash barley very well, taking care to remove all the starch. It is a good idea to rub it well with the hands in the water in which it is washed. Allow 1 tablespoon barley to each quart boiling water and boil rapidly for 20 minutes, adding a few slices of lemon during the boiling. Allow to cool, add fruit juices and sugar to taste. Chill thoroughly before serving.

Fruit Punch

Make some China tea and measure 1 pint. Strain into a basin into which you have measured ½ lb. sugar, stir until sugar is dissolved. Allow it to become quite cold. Place a block of ice in punch bowl and strain over the tea 1 pint orange juice and ½ pint lemon juice. Add 4 tablespoons maraschino, 2 pints ginger ale, 2 pints soda-water, and 1 pint lemonade. Decorate punch bowl with thin slices of orange and fresh sprigs of mint.

Orange Milk Shake

Mix together 3 cups orange juice, 2 cups grapefruit juice, 1 cup water in which ¼ cup castor sugar has been dissolved, a pinch salt and, if liked, a few drops almond essence. Lastly add 1½

cups evaporated milk and 2 cups ice, broken into very small pieces. well. This is a delicious hot-day drink.

Ginger Punch

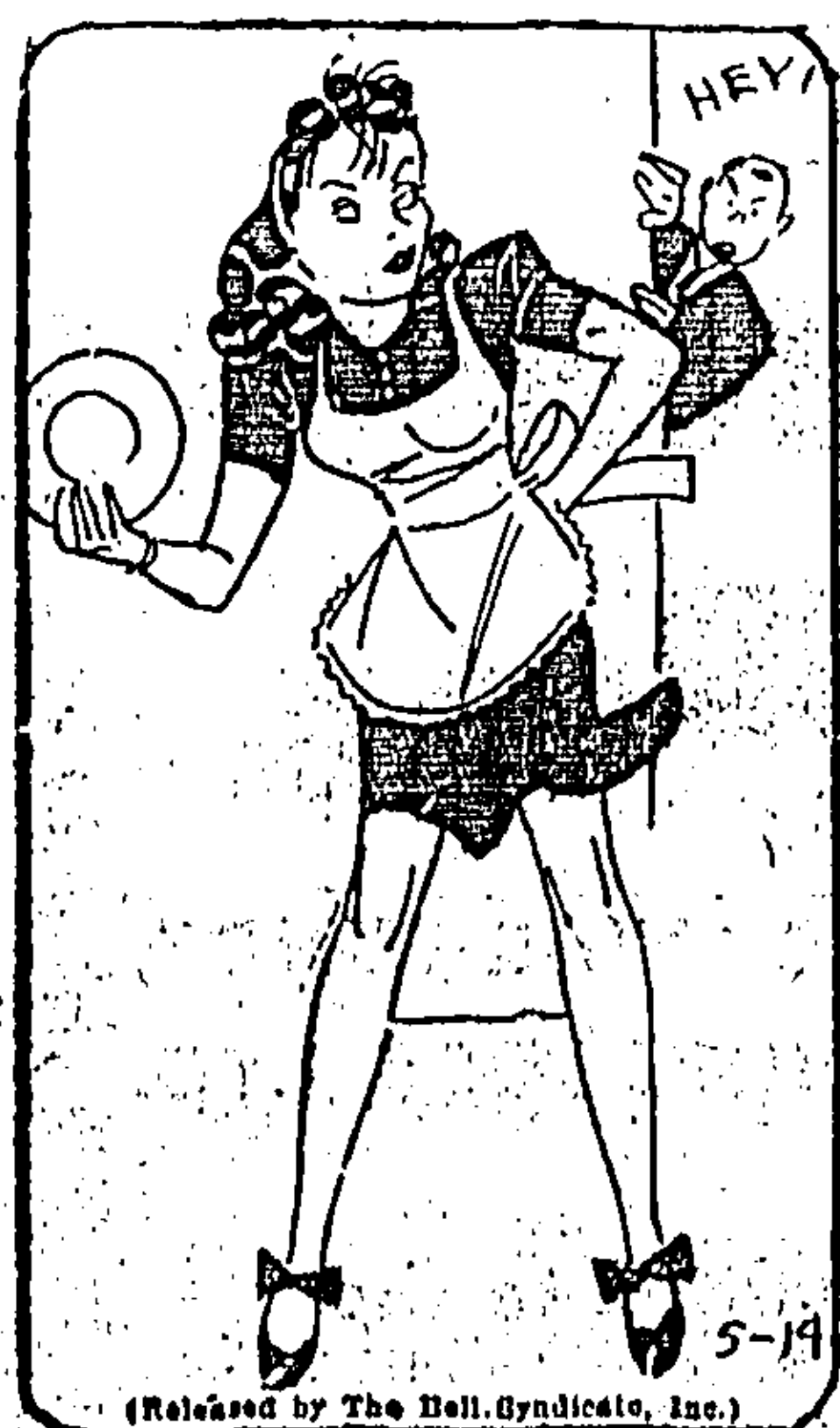
Boil for 20 minutes 1 quart water, 1 cup sugar, and ½ cup ginger syrup. Allow to become quite cold, then add the following. One cup orange juice, ½ cup lemon juice, ½ cup finely-chopped preserved ginger (optional), 1 bottle lemonade, and 2 pints soda-water. Serve very cold.

Grape Juice Punch

To each bottle grape juice add 4 tablespoons sugar, half cup lime juice, one pint bottle lemonade, and two pints soda-water. Pour contents over a large block ice, and serve thoroughly cold.

Pineapple Cup

Mix together 4 cups cold strained tea, the juice of 6 oranges and 6 lemons. Boil together 1 medium grated pineapple, 4 level cups sugar, 8 cups water for 20 minutes. Allow to cool, then add fruit juices, tea, etc. Pour over a block of ice and decorate with slices of fruit.



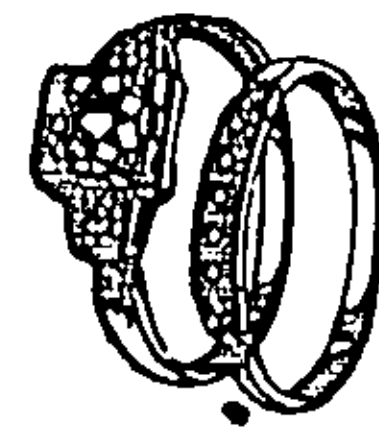
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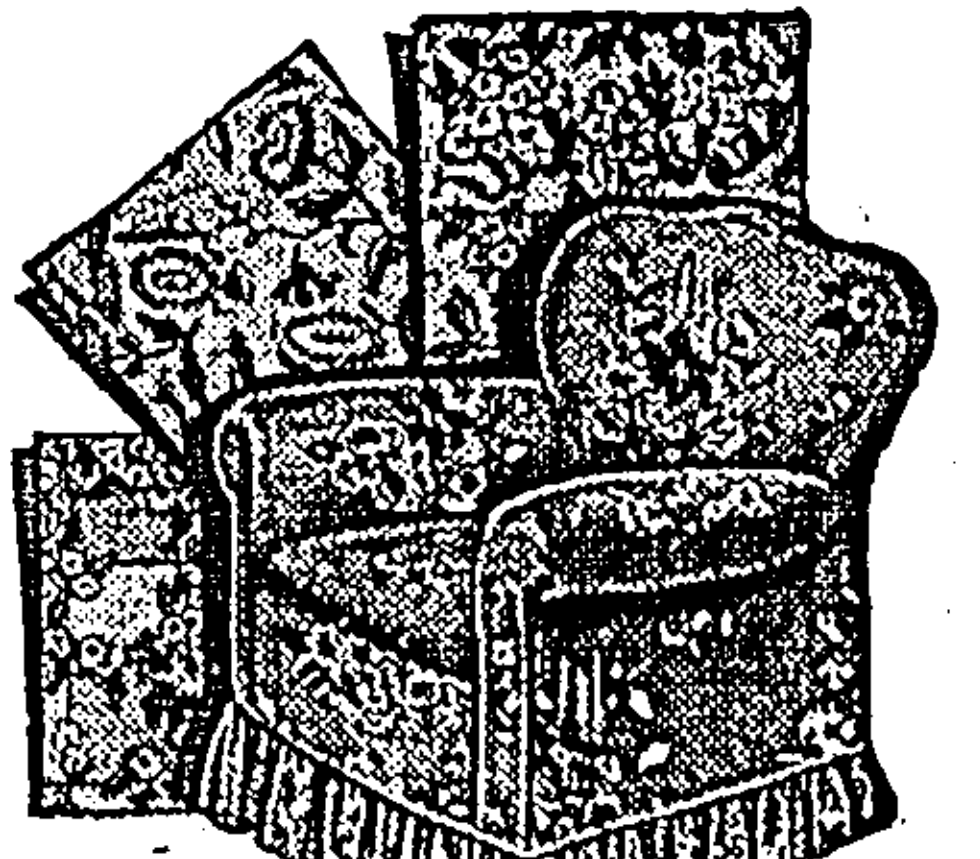
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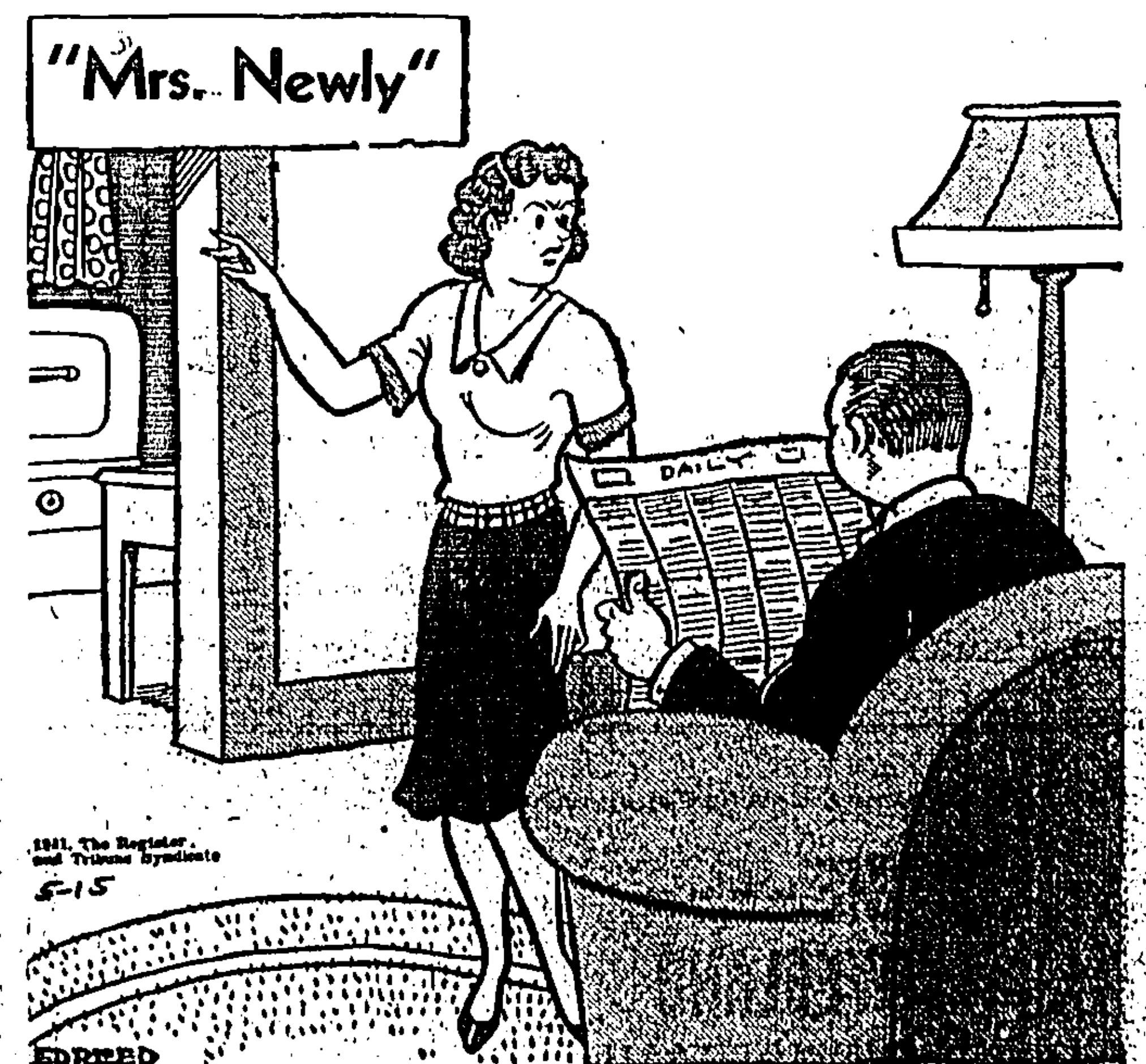
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12.28 p.m.—Mozart-Symphony No. 30 in C Major—"Linz".
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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 p.m.—Scottish Songs.
Skye Boat Song (Old Scottish Song) (Boulton & Lawson); Will Ye No' Come Back Again? Elder Cunningham (Bass-Baritone) with orch. O Whistle and I'll Come To You, My Lad (Folk Songs of Scotland—Stephen & Burnett); McLeod's Galle (Kennedy Fraser); Margaret Barrett (Soprano) with piano.
1.15 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.
Southern Holiday (R. Forsythe); The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra with R. Forsythe at the piano.
Lane Wilson Melodies—Intro: When Dull Care, Phyllis Has Such Charming Graces; The Sailor's Life; My Lovely Celia; Come, Let's Be Merry. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—A "Swing" Programme.
Beat Me, Daddy, Fight To A Bar; Twelfth Street Rag; Hatchett's Swingletts.
The Sidewalks Of New York; Duke Ellington & his Famous Orchestra.
Mind, The Handel's Hot, Dearest, I Love You; Arthur Young & Hatchett's Swingletts.
Don't Fall Asleep; Artie Shaw and his New Orchestra.
I Hear Bluebirds; Rumpel-Stillts-Kin; Arthur Young & Hatchett's Swingletts.
Ida, Sweet As Apple Cider; Arthur Young & Hatchett's Swingletts.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Verdi's "Rigoletto" Act I. Singers in order of appearance:—Dino Borgio; Guido Uta; Ida Mannarini; Riccardo Stracciari; Aris-ide Barracchi; Bullo Baronti; Eugenio Ballargine; Ernesto Dominici and Mercedes Casper, with Full Chorus of La Scala, Milan and the Milan Symphony Orchestra.
7.42 p.m.—Cello Solos.
Papillon (David Popper); Czardas (Adolphe Fischer); Rudolf Dietzmann with piano.
Kol Nidrei (Max Bruch—Op. 47); Gaspar Cassado with C. Raybould (Organ).
A La Guitare (A. Nolek, Op. 18); Adolphe Frezlin with Fernand Goeyens (Piano).
8.00 p.m.—London—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Variety with Jack Hulbert and Cicely Courtneidge.
Comedian—Tap Your Toesies (from film "Jack Of All Trades"—Sigler, Goodhart & Hoffman); Celebratin' (from film "Limelight"—Woods) Jack Hulbert.
Selection—"Crazy Days" (Eyton, Carter & Mayer)—Intro: Swing Clean; Spring; Love Was Born; Nice People; Stranger In A Cup of Tea; When A Fat Man Passes by; You're Not Too Bad Yourself; Do The Shaftesbury Theatre Orch., London.
Duet—Birdie Out Of A Cage (from film "Take My Tip"); I Was Anything But Sentimental (from film "Take My Tip"—Lerner, Goodhart & Hoffman); Cicely Courtneidge & Jack Hulbert.
Piano—"On Your Toes" Medley (Hart & Rodgers)—Intro: There's A Small Hotel; It's Got To Be Love; Vivian Ellis.
Comedienne—The Wind's In The West; My Wild Cat (both from film "Aunt Sally"—Woods) Cicely Courtneidge.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—Negro Spirituals.
No Hidin' Place (Traditional Arr. Sam Manning); Help Me Fly Over The Jordan (Traditional); Sam Manning's West Indian Rhythm Boys.
Run, Mary, Run (Negro Spiritual, Arr. Guion); Edna Thomas (Soprano) with piano.
9.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.
9.30 p.m.—The Hungarian Gypsy Band. Hungarian Gipsy Party (Csardas Selection); The Magic Of The Hungarian Puszta; Play Gipsy (Kalmann); Blue Forget-Me-Not (Banffy); I'll Give You Away To God (Dr. Sandor Jeno).
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Terence Casey at the Organ. Fifty Years of Song—Intro: Soldier's Of The King; Where Did You Get That Hat; Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay; After The Ball Is Over; Lily Of Laguna; In The Shade Of The Old Apple Tree; I Love A Lassie; Let's All Go Down The Strand; You Made Me Love You; A Broken Doll; Swanee; Ramona; Love Is The Sweetest Thing.
In A Bird Store (Lake).
10.00 p.m.—London—The News & News Commentary.
10.10 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—Oh, Mama Mia (Look At The Moon); Indian Summer; Gerald & The Savoy Hotel Orch. Fox-Trot—Rainbow Valley; Let The Curtain Come Down; Jack Payne & His Band.
Swing Fox-Trot—Easy To Get; I've Found A New Baby; Bud Freeman & His Summa Cum Laude Orchestra.
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WANT ADS. IN SHANGHAI INCLUDE BIRDS AND BULLET-PROOF VESTS

WANT ADVERTISEMENTS of the London press have a well-earned reputation for quaintness, but some of those appearing in Shanghai, personal and otherwise, mirror the colourful cosmopolitanism of the China coast port with quite satisfying adequacy. Take, for example, this recent sales offer:

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"Wanted—two stout Russian bodyguards . . ." White Russians are largely employed for this sort of duty in Shanghai, as they are deemed more courageous than the other low-priced categories—Chinese and Sikhs from India. Chinese are used as police, however.

Haven For Refugees

The fact that Shanghai is now haven for 20,000 European refugees is poignantly brought out in a host of notices. Some of them pointedly indicate that others than refugees are desired; "no refugees" is a feature of advertisements of many categories ranging from applications for congenial friends to offers of employment. Then there are mere hints, as in the offer of an "antique German linen chest (1873)" or: "German lessons given for tiffin (luncheon), dinner," and one recent notice said: "Mr. Wang, Chinese who has resided as my guest in my country house near Berlin for several weeks in summer 1920, is requested kindly to communicate with—"

Shanghai has plenty of radio stations broadcasting in English, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, and other languages, but the notices of the British-supported propaganda station perhaps conveys the international side of the city better than any other. Here is a sample:

"The Voice of Democracy"

12:45 News in English.

1:00 News in Chinese.

1:30 Peter Adam's German Programme.

2:00 Czechoslovak News and Commentary.

4:30 Programme in Mandarin and Shanghai dialect.

6:30 Hindustani Programme.

7:00 Polish Programme.

Fox-Trot—I'll Remember Waltz—Lonely Sweetheart; Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.

11:00 p.m.—London—"War Correspondents". Talk by an American Journalist.

11:15 p.m.—Close down.

7:30 French News and Commentary.

8:00 News in English.

10:00 Scottish Reel Music.

11:30 Russian Programme.

Foreign language broadcasts: Czech, French, German, Hindustani, Hungarian, Italian, Dutch, Polish, Russian and Spanish.

One of the most recent developments has been the installation of a self-styled Shanghai "Lord Haw Haw" to do German-viewpoint news commentaries in English over the German broadcasting station, which grandiloquently styles itself "The Voice of Europe".

The evacuation of non-essential Americans and others during the past few months has brought its own special slant to scores of want ads of various sorts, of which a few may be quoted as of their own moderate yet unique historic value for Shanghai:

"Americans! Enjoy once more the delicious Chinese food which you cannot have at home. Pay a visit to . . ."

"Evacuees, before you leave, don't forget to buy some Chinese stamps for your friends at . . ."

"Shanghai concern would consider taking over properties of subjects of nations at war for the duration . . ."

"American lady, 21, will act as companion or care for children in return for passage to San Francisco; reference."

SEVEN YEARS FOR YOUTH

A 19-year-old Rochdale youth, Raymond Haworth Bury, who made a bomb "booby trap" which killed two detectives, was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude at Manchester Assizes the other day.

He pleaded not guilty to charges of murder but guilty of manslaughter in each case. These pleas were accepted.

It was stated that Bury had a large collection of arms and explosives and, to safeguard them, made a trap for intruders with a box and a Mills bomb.

When the detectives went to execute a search warrant at the premises the bomb exploded. A third detective and Bury's father were injured in the explosion.

Mr. Justice Asquith told Bury he was extremely lucky for the plea of manslaughter to have been accepted. It was a very grave case of manslaughter.

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CHEMICAL SET FOUND AFTER TRAIN FIRE

Evidence of a communication door being locked, and of the finding of the remains of a chemical set was given at the Ministry of Transport inquiry recently into the fire in the London-Newcastle express, when six boys of Ampleforth College, Yorks, lost their lives.

The fire occurred when the train was near Claypole, Lines, and among the victims were two sons of the Belgian Prime Minister, M. Pierlot.

Guard Dear said that the first thing that drew his attention to anything unusual was the application of the brakes. He looked out, and saw flames coming out of the second of the three reserved coaches.

Hole in Roof

They were terrific flames. The train by then had almost stopped, and there seemed to be a big hole in the roof of the coach.

Father H. D. Pozzi, who was in charge of the boys, said that when he was called to the coach he found flames coming from between the back of two bucket seats close to the wall of the compartment.

He had not seen any of the boys lighting matches, but he assumed they had been smoking, as this was a recognised thing.

"I thought at once of the extinguishers," said Father Pozzi. "I ran the length of the coach and found to my horror that the communication door at the end was locked."

The train was not slowing down, so he himself pulled the communication cord and the train slowed down.

In reply to Col. Trench, he said the boys went in for chemistry, but he had never seen them making any experiments on a journey.

Chemical Set Remains

A plateplayer said that when one of the burnt-out coaches was examined, the remains of a tin box containing small bottles fell from the centre of the coach.

Mr. T. H. Turner, chief chemist to the L.N.E.R., said it appeared that these were the remains of a chemical set, which was probably being carried in a suitcase. "It must have been a keen amateur's set, but all the things that might start a fire in the set are obviously burnt out," he said.

One of the corks of a bottle might have jumped out and something which was safe when the journey started might have caught fire. "But," he added, "I cannot, of course, say that this is what actually happened."

Mr. H. C. Dickens, for Ampleforth College: We have never heard of this until to-day, but inquiries will be instituted at the school. It may be that the boy who owns this set can be identified.

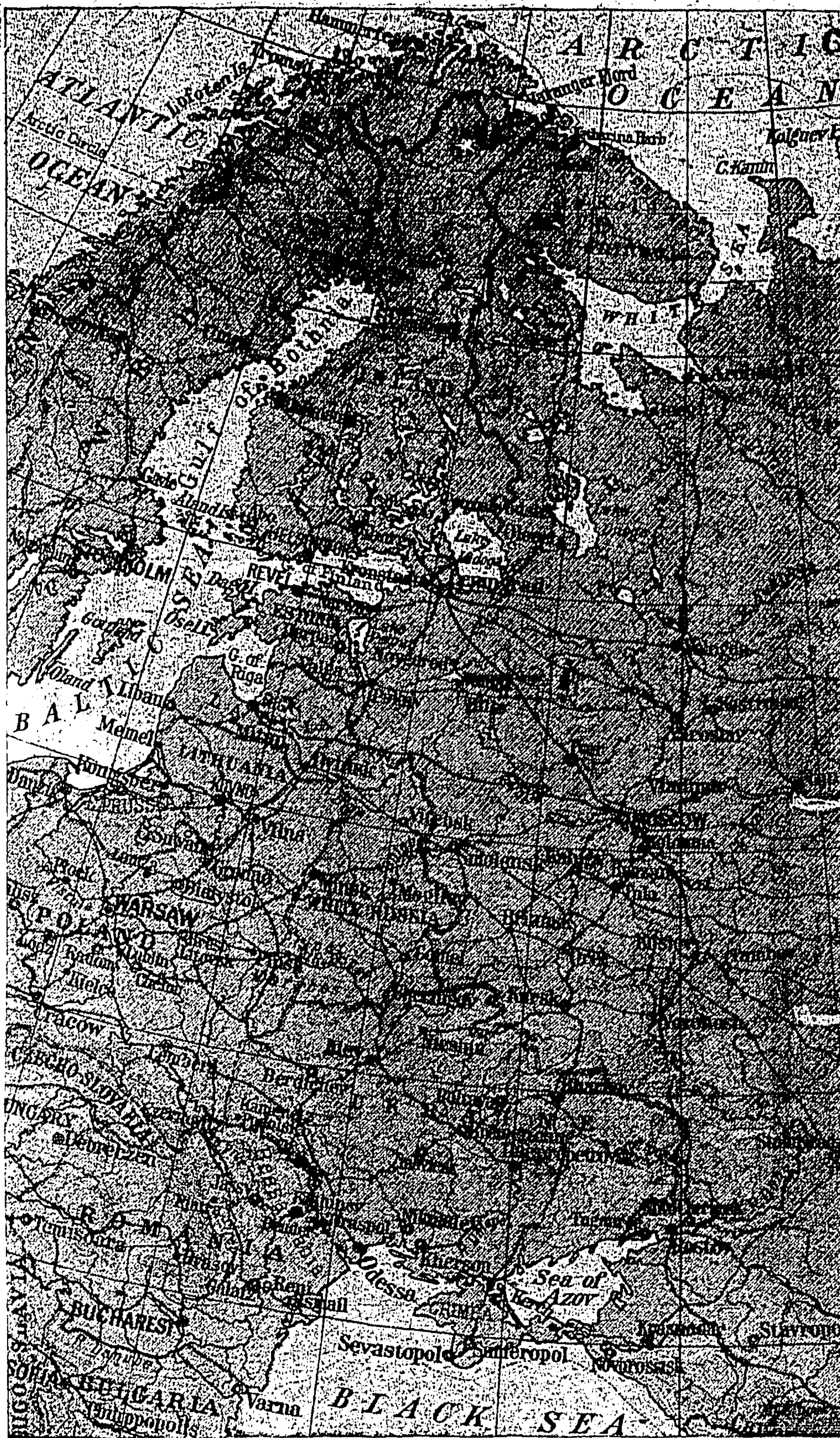
This remainder of the inquiry was held in private. Col. Trench's report will be published later.

ORANGES & ONIONS—HER PICK

Oranges and onions were among the articles which Dorothy Madeline Evans (32), shop assistant, of Harrow Road, employed at Messrs. Whiteleys, packed for herself at her firm's expense.

At the Marylebone Police Court she pleaded "Guilty" to stealing the oranges and cucumbers, turnips, lettuce, six bundles of rhubarb, radishes, and 18lb. of potatoes to the value of £1 0s. 1d., and was remanded.

A detective said that the size of the parcel she had packed for herself aroused suspicion.



Nation To Hire Land Workers

(By An Industrial Correspondent)

NUMBERS OF MEN of 41 who registered recently for industrial service and some now due for military service because their jobs have been removed from the Schedule of Reserved Occupations may shortly be sent to work on the land.

Mr. Bevin, Labour Minister, has promised to find 10,000 men, mainly from these sources.

They will not, however, be employed by individual farmers, but will work for the County War Agricultural Executive Committees, and will be given employment under the Essential Work Order. They will not be able to leave their jobs and the Committees will have no power to sack them.

In addition, farm workers will be entitled to leave their ordinary jobs and claim immediate employment by the Agricultural Committee under the same conditions. Farm workers who are out of work for 14 days will be required by the Ministry of Labour to take employment with the Committee.

To Reclaim Land

These workers will be employed mainly on drainage, ditch-

ing and other land reclamation work designed to bring the countryside into full production. This work has already greatly increased production.

Steps will be taken to transfer the workers under the control of these committees to other counties where labour is required. The men will also be available to help on farms at times of pressure.

This scheme is now under discussion and is subject to modifications.

Minimum Wage Plan

The minimum wage fixed by the Agricultural Committees will have an effect on wages paid throughout agriculture. The National Union of Agricultural Workers has submitted to the National Wages Board a claim of £3 national minimum.

The decision of the Board will be announced before the end of the month.

LEFT £131 ON PRAM

William Currie, a coal porter, of Wilkin Street, Kentish Town, went to a police station and produced £122 5s. 6d. He said he had found it under the mattress in his flat.

The other day he and his wife, Elizabeth Currie (42), appeared on remand charged with "stealing by finding" £131 12s. 2½d. cash and other property, valued at £147.

Mrs. St. George, of Leverton Street, Kentish Town, gave evidence that after sheltering in Kentish Town tube station she put down her bag on Mrs. Currie's pram.

Clever Detective

The Magistrate, Mr. Brodrick, congratulated Detective Jones. "I understand it was largely a clever piece of work on your part that the property came back which did come back."

Mr. Brodrick remarked that this was not a deliberate felony. These people found the property on their pram and were tried rather highly. About £9 of the money was still missing.

He remanded the accused on bail for three months to give them an opportunity of repaying this amount by instalments.

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NIGHT BASEBALL IN AMERICA FACED WITH BLACK-OUT PROBLEM

ORGANISED BASEBALL TO-DAY FACES A PROBLEM POTENTIALLY FAR MORE SERIOUS THAN CONSCRIPTION — THE POSSIBILITY GROWING DEFENCE NEEDS FOR POWER MIGHT DIM OR EVEN BLACK-OUT THE HUNDREDS OF NIGHT BASEBALL PARKS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Night baseball has grown in leaps and bounds the past few years and now represents a multi-million dollar industry with great appeal to match.

The United Press learned that the federal power commission, which may ration electricity in case of an emergency, will include the night baseball parks in its nation-wide inventory of the power situation which will be made.

Any plan to curtail night baseball will be a financial blow to the big leagues as well as to many minor circuits where nocturnal games are played.

Saved From Bankruptcy

From the time it was first introduced in Cincinnati in 1935, after-dark baseball has been a success and has saved many clubs from bankruptcy. Cincinnati Reds were among the poorest clubs in the majors but is now one of the most prosperous since night games were played at Crosley Field.

It was the pioneering spirit of Larry McPhail, then general manager of the Reds and now president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, which gave baseball its biggest innovation since Abner Doubleday invented the game more than 100 years ago.

Huge Attendance

Night baseball drew 1,571,000 paying customers in the big leagues last year, out of a total attendance of 10,181,000. The night contests attracted an average crowd of 20,000 as against 5,000 which an average week day game draws.

Six clubs in the National and five in the American League play night baseball. Washington Senators are the last to fall in line with the lights installed only this year. Boston Bees and Chicago Cubs in the senior loop and Detroit Tigers, New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox in the minor circuit are the only clubs still without nocturnal contests.

Two of the biggest turnouts of 1940 were night games—59,069 in Cleveland on August 4 and 43,897 at the Polo Grounds in New York on August 7.

Limited To Seven

Each club is limited to seven games at home during the season, although the St. Louis Browns were permitted to stage 14 nocturnal arguments last year.

Johnny Vander Meer of the Reds achieved baseball immortality in 1938 when he hurled the first of his two successive no-hit games during the

inauguration of night baseball in Brooklyn, before 38,000 fans.

Big league clubs playing the game under the arc lights are: Brooklyn Dodgers, Cincinnati Reds, Pittsburgh Pirates, New York Giants, St. Louis Cardinals and Philadelphia Phillies in the National League, and Cleveland Indians, Chicago White Sox, St. Louis Browns, Philadelphia Athletics and Washington Senators in the American League.

BRITISH BOXING BOOMING

BRITISH BOXING IS EXPERIENCING ONE OF ITS PERIODIC WAR-TIME BOOMS, AND ONE CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT HAS BEEN FIXED AND TWO OTHERS ARE BEING ARRANGED.

Jackie Paterson, British and Empire flyweight champion, who has been termed in the United States as the leading contender for the world title, meets Jim Brady, of Dundee, for the Empire Bantamweight title at Hampden Park, Glasgow's famous soccer enclosure, on August 5.

Ernie Roderick, who is now in the Air Force, defends the British welterweight championship against Irish Guardsman Arthur Danahar at Liverpool at the end of August, and Aircraftman Eric Boon defends the British lightweight title against Sergeant Instructor Ronnie James, of Swansea, either in London or Cardiff next month.

The dates of these bouts will be announced shortly.—Reuter.

Mello Bettina, former world lightweight champion, out-pointed Clarence Burman, protégé of Jack Dempsey, over 10 rounds in New York yesterday. A crowd of 10,000 saw Bettina score a comfortable victory.—Reuter.

The fixtures committee of Hong Kong Football Association comprising Capt. R. E. Guest and Messrs. J. Skinner and T. G. Stokes, meet this afternoon in the Association's offices at 5.15 p.m. to draw the first games of the season. Club secretaries may attend if they desire.



From left to right in the above picture are Larry Lawrence, Chuck Waggoner, Nip Lum and Wong, four members of the 'Mohawks' baseball team which made local baseball history when they humbled the hitherto unbeaten U.S.B. Mindanao in the League Baseball tilt at Railway Corner last Sunday by a 7 to 4 tally.

PAIRS HOLDERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

H. A. ALVES AND J. F. V. RIBEIRO, HOLDERS OF THE COLONY LAWN BOWLS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP SINCE 1939, RECEIVED UNEXPECTEDLY STRONG OPPOSITION FROM U. A. RUMJAHN AND A. H. RUMJAHN IN THE SECOND ROUND OF THE CURRENT COMPETITION AT CIVIL SERVICE CRICKET CLUB YESTERDAY, AND WERE ABLE TO WIN BY ONLY 28-27, A SINGLE AT THE LAST END DECIDING THE ISSUE.

U. A. Rumjahn was the outstanding player and his drawing and steady play, particularly in the early stages of the game, was excellent. Ribeiro was the better of the Recreio pair.

The champions were lucky to survive as the Sookunpoo pair played good bowls and it was only the experience of the champions that gave them victory.

The Rumjahns opened with a three and, thanks to a five at the 4th and another at the 6th, led 14-7 at the 7th. Alves and Ribeiro then scored 2 4 4 to lead 17-14, though the Indians could have prevented the Recreio pair from scoring so many. At the 14th the Rumjahns were leading 22-19, but were 25-22 in arrears at the 17th. A four and a single gave them the lead at 27-25 at the 19th, but the champions drew level with a two at the next end.

At the last end the Rumjahns were lying the shot with a back wood Ribeiro was short with his last wood, but good enough for a measure. A. H. Rumjahn, with his last wood, endeavoured to promote a front wood, missed and stopped an inch or two behind Ribeiro's wood.

The measure gave the champions the all-important shot. J.F.R.:—032020024492001220021 A.H.R.:—50050510004022004100

FRIENDLY BOWLS

Civil Service Cricket Club beat Lanford in a friendly Lawn Bowls match at the Valley yesterday by 37 shots.

W. McLeod, W. Gardiner, J. Gellatly and H. E. Strange (s) (C.S.C.C.) beat E. J. Prata, T. Edgar, G. Tanner and E. C. Fincher (s) 24-12.

W. Colledge, J. Hempsley, M. E. Purvis and E. W. C. Simmonds (s) (C.S.C.C.) beat E. F. E. Baker, J. Lodge, W. C. Ogley and H. W. Randall (s) 20-17.

F. Crawley, J. Carr, S. Eccleshall and W. J. Burling (s) (C.S.C.C.) beat H. Bonner, F. Hall, S. Carr and A. B. Hamsom (s) 31-18.

TO-DAY'S BOWLS

The only known game to-day in the Second Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship is between M. R. Abbas and A. R. Dillah and J. McCutcheon and C. Gowland at Hong Kong Football Club.

It is probable that some of the remaining postponed games will also be played to-day.

B. T. Gosano, Recreio cricketer and softballer and well-known soccer player, is at present in Canossa Hospital suffering from eye trouble. He expects to be out in a few days.

London football clubs which have been unable to accept the League fixture list, which necessitates long distance travelling, have formed a London War Football League. The Association will be asked to sanction the formation of this new League in which 11 London clubs and five nearby clubs will be members, making a programme of 30 matches.—Reuter.

POWELL'S GOLF SUCCESS

A. L. Powell (18) won Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's Summer Singles competition when he met and beat J. J. van Muihlen (15) 4 and 2 in the Final.

TO-DAY'S WATER POLO GAMES

Following is to-day's programme of Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament games:

(At Army Pool)	
Signals	v 5th A.A. R.A.
(6.30 p.m.)	
Royal Navy "B"	v Royal Scots "B"
(7.00 p.m.)	
Small Units	v Royal Scots "A"
(7.30 p.m.)	
605th Battery R.A.	v 8th Regt. R.A.
(8.00 p.m.)	
(At Navy Pool)	
Royal Navy "B"	v 36th Battery R.A.
(5.00 p.m.)	
ARMY SMALL UNITS LEAGUE	
(At Army Pool)	
12th Battery R.A.	v "A" Coy. Mid-Glesex
(6.00 p.m.)	

SEVEN ENTRIES FOR "CHI YIN YAT PO" CUP

The hockey tournament on roller skates, under the auspices of "Chi Yin Yat Po," has attracted seven entries.

They are: Blitz Skating Team (5/7 A.A. Regiment), Panthers (China Skating Rink), King's Skating Rink, Empress Skating Rink, Cyclone Sports Club and Kowloon Skating Rink "A" and "B" teams.

The Tournament is expected to commence this coming Saturday.

K. M. Omar, Craigengower Lawn Bowler, is in hospital suffering from dysentery and is unlikely to be playing this week-end.

C. S. Rossetti, Craigengower First Division skid, sustained an eye injury during the black-out and may not be playing on Saturday.

American tennis champion Don McNeill was among the Second Round winners at the Seabright (New Jersey) tournament yesterday. Bobby Riggs, American, and Wimbledon champion, and Frank Parker, Davis Cup player, also survived. Frank Shields lost 3-7, 3-6 to William Crosby and Gene Mako lost 2-6, 3-6 to Seymour Greenberg.—Reuter.

H.B. CLUB WITHDRAWAL RECONSIDERED

Rumours have been in circulation to the effect that H. B. Club are considering the withdrawal of their resignation from Hong Kong Baseball League.

It will be recalled that, following an unsuccessful application for a postponement of their game with U.S.S. Mindanao two weeks ago, H.B. club tendered their resignation from the League.

Asked if there was any truth in the rumour about their wanting to go back to the fold again, Mr. Dhun Ruttonjee, sponsor of H.B. Club, said, "Certainly we will withdraw our resignation if they will let us play off our fixture with Mindanao, but unless that happens we will not be returning to the League."

LANEFORD FOOTBALL PROSPECTS

"I AM RATHER DOUBTFUL ABOUT THE COMPOSITION OF OUR TEAM THIS YEAR FOR ONE OR TWO OF THE BOYS WHO PROMISED TO COME OVER, BELIEVING THAT OUR APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INTO SECOND DIVISION WOULD BE GRANTED. ARE RATHER UPSET THAT WE CAN PLAY ONLY IN THIRD DIVISION," SAID MR. F. HALL, TEAM MANAGER OF LANEFORD FOOTBALL TEAM, WHO HAVE JUST BEEN GRANTED AFFILIATION TO HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Hall said it was a big disappointment to all connected with the club that they could not secure entry into Second Division, but they would strive their utmost to gain promotion next year.

Two of Hong Kong Football Club's Second Division players of last year, C. J. Lodge and C. Carr, will be donning Lanford colours this season, while Leung Ping-kwan, who played for South China Athletic Association in the same division in the 1940-41 season, will also be turning out for them.

Two Brothers Also

Leung's two brothers, Ping-pui and Ping-sang, who played occasionally for South China last season, will also be included in the Lanford team.

"And that," said Mr. Hall, "is about as much as I can tell you for the moment. I am still talking to the boys who promised to come over originally, but who are now doubtful starters. I am hoping that all will turn out well."

Mr. Hall said that their greatest worry at the moment was trying to get a ground. Last year, he said, they were given permission to practice on the Navy ground at Caroline Hill.

Club Officials

Following are the officials of the Club:

President:—Mr. P. H. Suckling.
Vice-President:—Mr. A. W. Brown.
Hon. Secretary:—Mr. F. Hall.
Hon. Secretary:—Mr. A. B. Hanson.
Committee members:—Messrs. Leung Po-shan, Lo Kwan-wai, W. C. Ogley, E. C. Fincher, H. Burson and Mrs. E. O. Murphy.

In the First Round of the handicap singles of the Kowloon Cricket Club Lawn Bowls competition, N. D. Lloyd (6) beat A. W. Smith (2). In the Third Round of the Club championship A. E. Perry beat H. Brokenshire.

The annual general meeting of Hong Kong Rifle Association will be held in the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel, to-day at 5.30 p.m. The election of a Council, President, Vice-Presidents, Auditor, Legal Advisor, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer are items on the agenda.



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Recreio Tennis Success

Four of the five games in Third Division of the Tennis League were played yesterday and, with the exception of the Chinese Recreation Club (1) v. Club de Recreio game, which the latter won by the odd set, the other games were one-sided.

The game between South China, present leaders, and Kowloon Cricket Club was postponed.

C.R.C. (2) Win

At Sookunpoo, Indian Recreation Club lost to Chinese Recreation Club (2) by 9 sets to nil.

A. Rahmin and I. Kitchell (I.R.C.) lost to F. K. Lau and P. F. Wong 0-6
lost to C. W. Chu and L. F. Hon 1-6
lost to Y. Y. Lam and T. W. Lau 2-6
M. P. Madar and A. R. H. Esmail (I.R.C.)
lost to Lau and Wong 1-6
lost to Chu and Hon 2-6
lost to Lam and Lau 1-6
M. Hassan and M. A. Wahab (I.R.C.)
lost to Lau and Wong 3-6
lost to Chu and Hon 0-6
lost to Lam and Lau 2-6

Army Well Up

At Pokfulam, University Tennis Club lost to Army Tennis Club by 2 sets to 7.
K. Y. Tam and P. K. Hoo (H.K.U.T.C.)
lost to Murray and Megson 3-6
lost to Gibbs and Denyer 2-6
lost to Duffield and Emberson 2-6
T. Liu and K. Lo (H.K.U.T.C.)
lost to Murray and Megson 2-6
beat Gibbs and Denyer 6-4
lost to Duffield and Emberson 1-6
S. L. Yong and C. K. Cheah (H.K.U.T.C.)
beat Murray and Megson 6-4
lost to Gibbs and Denyer 5-7
lost to Duffield and Emberson 4-6

Big C.C.C. Win

At Happy Valley, Craigengower Cricket Club beat Kowloon Tong Garden City Association by 8 sets to 1.
W. J. Howard and K. L. Woo (C.C.C.)
beat L. Chen and A. H. Basto 6-1
lost to S. Hsu and D. Chen 3-6
beat D. Kwok and E. Penn 6-3
H. K. Lee and J. W. Leonard (C.C.C.)
beat Chen and Basto 6-0
beat Hsu and Chen 6-2
beat Kwok and Penn 6-2
P. C. Yu and M. C. Hung (C.C.C.)
beat Chen and Basto 6-2
beat Hsu and Chen 6-3
beat Kwok and Penn 6-1

Recreio Succeed

Chinese Recreation Club (1) lost to Club de Recreio by 4 sets to 5 at Causeway Bay yesterday.
C. Wei and H. Chung (C.R.C.)
lost to F. J. Remedios and J. C. Fonseca 1-6
beat H. A. Noronha and P. A. Yvanovich 6-0
beat R. A. Marques and A. J. Noronha 6-0
H. N. Chau and P. H. Chiu (C.R.C.)
beat Remedios and Fonseca 7-5
lost to Noronha and Yvanovich 3-6
lost to Marques and Noronha 4-6
S. Y. Tong and C. K. Li (C.R.C.)
lost to Remedios and Fonseca 0-6
beat Noronha and Yvanovich 7-5
lost to Marques and Noronha 3-6

Table To Date

	Sets	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	4	4	0	0	33½	11½	8	
A.T.C.	5	4	1	0	32½	12½	8	
Recreio	5	4	1	0	31	14	8	
C.R.C. (2)	3	3	0	0	22	5	6	
C.R.C. (1)	4	2	2	0	17½	18½	4	
C.C.C.	5	3	2	0	29½	18½	6	
K.I.T.C.	5	2	3	0	25	20	4	
K.C.C.	5	2	3	0	13	32	4	
H.K.U.T.C.	5	1	4	0	16½	28½	2	
K.T.G.C.A.	5	1	4	0	15½	29½	2	
I.R.C.	6	0	6	0	9	45	0	

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some of the teams:—
C.B.A. v. A.T.C.
I.R.C. v. P.O.R.C. (1)
K.I.T.C. v. J.R.C.
C.R.C. v. F.C.
P.O.R.C. (2) v. S.C.A.A.
I.R.C.—M. H. Hassan and G. Singh; M. S. Hussain and M. I. Razack; A. J. Sufi and U. A. Rumi.
S.C.A.A.—K. T. Wong and K. I. Sit; H. K. Ho and C. L. Lau; C. T. Yip and W. H. Mok.
C.R.C.—C. M. Wong and A. Lui; C. N. Tsang and T. F. Choy; M. C. Lau and C. T. Tso.
C.B.A.—B. I. Bickford and D. T. Smith; D. Tomashevsky and G. Gurevitch; M. Bull and D. Parsons.
F.C.—B. Poon and F. Poon; F. Gonzalez and W. Lee; T. S. Hsu and L. F. Souza.
K.I.T.C.—K. S. Mehal and Y. J. Khan; U. H. Esmail and A. H. Mehal; K. Singh and N. S. Singh.
J.R.C.—S. R. Ramler and B. Gordin; A. R. Pollak and M. Talan; E. Whitgob and A. Odell.

LAWN BOWLS CHANGES FOR SATURDAY

Hong Kong Football Club are making a few changes in their Second Division Lawn Bowls team for their match against Recreio this week. Thomson, who was No. 3 to Macfarlane last week, will be No. 2 to Gill this time, replacing Howell, the latter not being available for this game. Thomson's place in Macfarlane's rink will be filled by Needham, who returns to the team after being an absentee last week.

One change is noted in Robertson's rink, in the No. 2 position, with C. B. Robertson taking the place of H. V. Pearce. Robertson was No. 3 to Graver in Third Division last week, and Pearce will not be playing on Saturday.

Two of the Third Division rinks, led by Mansell and Ralston respectively, will remain intact. Graver, however, will have a new No. 2 in Flipmace, who takes over the job from J. M. Thomson, a non-starter this time, while the place of the promoted C. B. Robertson at No. 3 will be taken by Grat on last week, changes positions with in-

Civil Service Changes

Civil Service Cricket Club are again making a change in one of the skips' positions for their First Division match with Kowloon B.G.C. "A" at the Valley this week-end.

Simmonds, who was No. 3 to Deakin last week, changes positions with in-

latter, while Seddon comes into the side as No. 2 in place of Carr, who is an absentee. With the exception of the fact that McKay, who did not play last week, returns to the side as No. 1 to take the place filled by Harper last week, there are no changes in Rakusen's four. In McGowan's rink Purvis is No. 3 instead of Burling, who will not be playing this week.

Paul Skips Again

Electric Recreation Club are changing their rinks about considerably for their Third Division match with Hong Kong Football Club this week-end.

Lunny, who had Tarbuck, Everett and Barron as his front men last week, will this time be leading Owens, Gahagan and Butler. Last week Gahagan was No. 2 to de Rome. While he retains Gardner as his No. 3, Lunny will have two new players in Macfarlane and Gregory respectively. Groomer was his lead last Saturday. Paul returns to the side as skip and his No. 3 will be Sloan, who had a rink comprising Baker, Stonehouse and Paul last week. Tarbuck will be No. 1 and Groomer No. 2.

Taikoo Line-Up

As was the case with some other clubs, Taikoo were affected to such an extent by Volunteer duties last week

that they could not field a team. Their last match was on July 12, when they lost on all rinks to K.F.C., and the team for this week-end has been considerably changed from the one that represented them then.

Chalmers comes into one of the skip positions in place of Stalton, who is not available this Saturday. His front men will be the same as those for Stalton with the exception that Thomson plays No. 2 instead of Bovaird, who goes to No. 3 for Watson in place of Cunningham, who is not playing this week.

MacArthur, lead for Watson the last time, will also be unavailable and his place will be taken by Gibson. No. 2 in Melrose's rink on July 12. Pollock comes in as No. 2 to Melrose to complete the team.

TAIKOO CLUB

Second Division (v Kowloon Cricket Club, Away):—J. Nimmo, F. Thomson, F. Hillon and J. C. Chalmers (Skip); W. McKie, S. J. Pollock, R. Main and W. Melrose (Skip); L. A. Gibson, D. Coull, C. Bovaird and J. A. Watson (Skip).

Selected Teams

Following are the selected teams:
HONG KONG F.C.
First Division (v Recreio, away):—A. B. Coleman, J. D. Thomson, J. A. R. Selby and W. Gill (skip); A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, C. Needham and W. 6 sets to 3.

Macfarlane (skip); R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brooksbank and K. S. Robertson (skip). Reserves: C. Carr and A. McAlpine.

Third Division (v Electric R.C., home):—T. H. Pearce, B. I. Bickford, G. E. Stephens and B. A. Mansell (skip); K. Forrow, J. M. Thomson, A. G. Gratton and G. S. Graver (skip); A. Bailey, J. Russell, S. Strange and J. Ralston (skip).

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.
First Division (v Kowloon B.G.C. "A", home):—J. Gellatly, T. Seddon, J. W. Deakin and E. W. Simmonds (skip); H. McKay, M. Scott, V. S. Ebbage and M. N. Rakusen (skip); P. D. Crawley, W. H. E. Colledge, M. E. Purvis and J. F. McGowan (skip).

ELECTRIC R.C.
Third Division (v Hong Kong F.C., away):—W. E. Macfarlane, R. F. Gregory, A. G. Gardner and L. de Rome (skip); A. P. Tarbuck, E. L. Groomer, J. K. Sloan and A. F. Paul (skip); R. A. Owens, C. E. Gahagan, R. C. Butler and J. F. Lunny (skip). Reserves: W. Stoker, J. R. Way and W. Stonehouse.

Dr. A. L. Tsai has been granted permission to play for Craigengower Cricket Club in Third Division of Lawn Tennis League. Dr. Tsai played for University in First Division against South China when University lost by 6 sets to 3.

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INCREASING GRAVITY OF SITUATION

The international situation is even more serious than the general public understands and is rapidly becoming more serious, stated Mr. May, Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Military Committee, after leaving an executive session of the committee in Washington yesterday.

HAUSHOFER UNDER ARREST

THE CONTINUED HOUSE ARREST OF THE NAZI "GEO-POLITICAL" THEORIST, PROFESSOR HAUSHOFER, WHO WAS ARRESTED AT THE TIME OF THE HESS FLIGHT, WAS REPORTED YESTERDAY BY A REUTER CORRESPONDENT "SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE."

The same source reports the belief is held in many German circles that the army is likely to take over control of Germany from the Nazi Party this autumn if by then big successes against Russia are not achieved.—Reuter.

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Ultimatum Not Doubted

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THERE IS LITTLE REASON TO DOUBT THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE NEWS THAT JAPAN HAS GIVEN VICHY AN ULTIMATUM ABOUT INDO-CHINA ALTHOUGH NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN LONDON.

Seeing that the Japanese are already installed in northern Indo-China, it will not be easy to prevent from spreading to the southern half.

It is probable, however, that the occupation of Indo-China is not an end in itself for the Japanese Government.

Rather is it likely that they will use it as a jumping-off ground for their vaster plans of imperialist expansion.

Whether they will travel southwards against the Dutch East Indies or westwards against Thailand, in the hope of ultimately severing the Burma road lifeline of Chungking is in the lap of the gods, but it is clear that a move in either direction will constitute a direct menace to British and American interests and will doubtless be weighed very carefully by Japan before she embarks upon any action.

The situation is being closely watched both in London and Washington and the two Governments have been in constant consultation with regard to all possible developments.

The Australian and the other Dominion Governments have also taken part in these exchanges of views.—Reuter.

VICHY ANNOUNCES THE DEED

(Continued from Page 1)

quoted Paris newspapers advising the French Government to "take precautions in view of the danger menacing Indo-China should the situation complicate further."

"IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A CRISIS INFINITELY VASTER THAN THE RECENT CRISIS IN THE NEAR EAST MAY ARISE IN THE FAR EAST, AND IN VIEW OF THE MATERIAL IMPOSSIBILITY OF MILITARY MEASURES, DIPLOMATIC MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN, IN AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN, TO ASSURE INDO-CHINA'S SAFETY."

The report also confirms that the Japanese Ambassador to Vichy, Mr. Sokomatsu Kato, recently visited Admiral Darlan twice, and recalls that relations between Indo-China and Japan are determined by economic and political agreements which are in full force.

Publication of this item by the official Government news agency appears to indicate that the Indo-China public was being prepared for the imminent announcement of an agreement giving Japan new facilities in southern Indo-China.

Transports Moving South?

While Japan has been presenting demands for air and naval bases in southern Indo-China, Japanese warships and troops transports have been moving south, according to a statement by the Chief of the Intelligence Department of the Chinese Army at a Chungking press conference yesterday.

He stated that seven Japanese warships, three aircraft-carriers and 55 destroyers were sighted off Kishu, in southern Japan, on Tuesday steaming south.

Thirty transports, escorted by three warships, had also been steaming south from Canton.

Japan's Demands

The Japanese demands to Vichy include "the use of Camranh Bay as a naval base, the use of Saigon as an air base and the garrisoning of troops in southern Indo-China," according to the Chinese spokesman.

The spokesman said he was quoting from a cable from Vichy dated last Monday.

HE ADDED THE VICHY GOVERNMENT WAS AT PRESENT REFUSING THE JAPANESE DEMANDS.

Questioned about what action China would take in the event of a Japanese invasion of southern Indo-China, the spokesman stated China would take all necessary measures for her self-defence.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

German occupation troops, including those of older classes, it is reported, have been withdrawn from Rumania and Bulgaria to reinforce troops on the eastern front, according to a Reuter correspondent cabling from "somewhere in Europe."—Reuter.

NEW D.A.M.S.

The War Office announces that Colonel A. Hood has been selected to succeed Lieutenant-General Sir W. P. MacArthur, Honorary Physician to the King, as Director of the Army Medical Services when the latter retires on August 1 next.—British Wireless.

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JAPAN BEGINS TO "MOVE IN" Vichy Hands Over "Defence"

Old Line Now Reported Crossed At Six Points

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS WERE RECEIVED IN STOCKHOLM FROM BERLIN LAST NIGHT THAT JAPANESE TROOPS HAD ENTERED SOUTHERN INDO-CHINA AT SIX POINTS AND HAD OCCUPIED TWO AERODROMES.

Meanwhile, part confirmation was provided when Vichy announced successful negotiations with Japan for the "defence" of Indo-China, granting Japan military facilities.

According to this announcement the negotiations were carried on and completed in Hanoi. A Vichy spokesman said France could not defend the colony alone.

Two treaties have been drafted recognising Japan's preponderant role in the Far East and bestowing on Tokyo the task of maintaining peace in Indo-China. — International News Service.

U.S. NAVY PREPARED IN PACIFIC

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"Yes," answered Col. Frank Knox, U.S. Secretary of Navy, asked at his press conference yesterday if the Navy was prepared.

The question followed his statement that "There is very little doubt that there will be some movement in the Orient very soon."

Col. Knox refused further elaboration. — International News Service.

N.E.I. Army

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ROYAL ASSENT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE POSSIBLE USE OF MILITIAMEN OUTSIDE THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES, INDICATING THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

Nazi Comment

The Tokyo-Vichy agreement over the "defence" of Indo-China, according to Nazi quarters in Berlin, is authoritatively viewed as "a logical consequence of President Roosevelt's Iceland grab and the British invasion of Syria."

"We are only spectators," it was added, "but we understand the French alarm at the British intentions."

"Japan's determination not to permit Britain to grab Indo-China forestalls the usual pretences."

Panama Charges

The Tokyo press yesterday charged the United States with "deliberately discriminating against Japanese vessels" in preventing their passage through the Panama Canal.

Informed quarters in Tokyo asserted the real reason for the United States ban is an attempt to prevent observation of the nature of the repairs under way in the Canal. — International News Service.

Shanghai Shock

Following the suspension of visas for Japan, announced in Shanghai yesterday, the Japanese authorities are now reported to have cancelled all Shanghai foreign bookings for Japan indefinitely, regardless of nationality.

All foreign passengers for Japan by the Kobe Maru, including many Axis nationals, were turned back this morning just before the ship's departure for Nagasaki, being told that no foreigners would be permitted to land in Japan until further notice. — Reuter.

NAZIS CONFESS LOSSES

German occupation troops, including those of older classes, it is reported, have been withdrawn

JOINT DEFENCE NEEDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

(By Dr. Hilario Moncado)

"The people of the Philippines will fight if need be to prevent their homeland falling under the vicious aegis of the Axis," declares a statement issued in Washington yesterday by the Filipino leader, Dr. Moncado.

"I call upon the President and Congress to repeal the Tydings-McDuffie Act and instead to make the Commonwealth an American dominion under the lasting protection of the United States."

"There is not the slightest doubt of Japan's aggressive intentions towards the islands."

"REMEMBER JAPAN MUST FIRST TAKE THE PHILIPPINES BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO TAKE THE EAST INDIES."

"The nations of the Pacific Basin must stand together or surrender separately." — International News Service.

from Rumania and Bulgaria to reinforce troops on the eastern front, according to a Reuter correspondent cabling from "some-where in Europe." — Reuter.

TURKEY PREPARING IN DARDANELLES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Feverish Turkish preparations for the defence of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus were reported in London yesterday to be under way. — International News Service.

Bolivian Charge

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bolivia yesterday released a digest of documents alleging the existence of a Nazi plot to seize power and establish a totalitarian State.

The documents named Wendler, the ousted Nazi Minister, and Major Belmonte, Bolivian Air Attache in Berlin, as instigators of a putsch designed for this month.

It was also announced that a

PERUVIAN CLASHES RENEWED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The border fighting between Peru and Ecuador was resumed along a 12-mile front yesterday, bashing the mediation efforts of the American Republics.

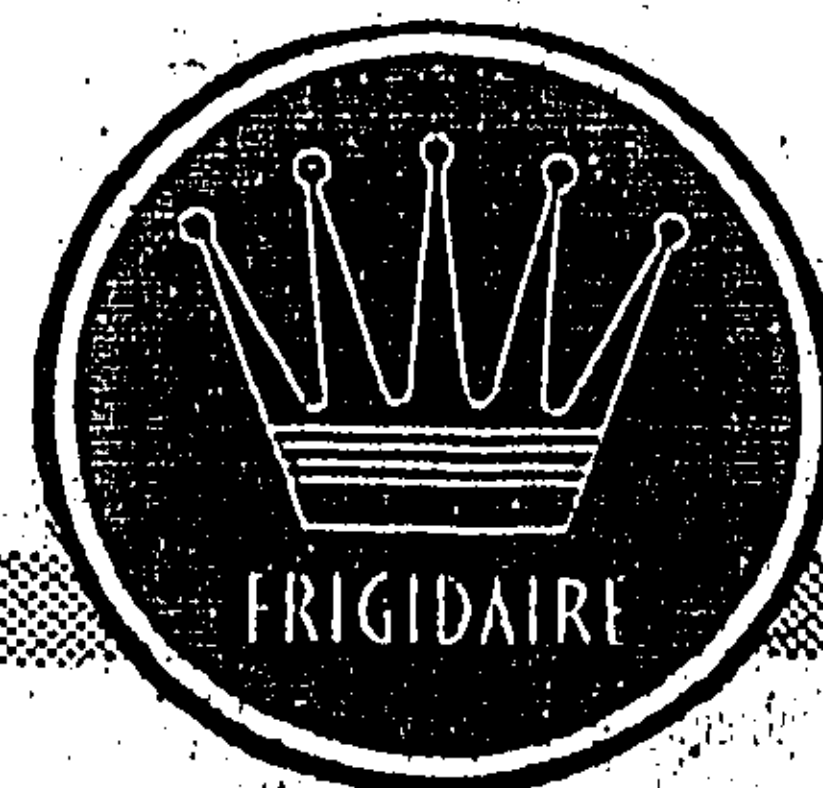
A communique issued in Quito announced that Peruvian forces "struck first and were repulsed to the Zarumilla River."

"Ecuadorian troops occupied Peruvian military posts at Aguas Verdes and Braclomara." A radio report stated that eight Peruvian bombers raided the port of Bolivar.

MEANWHILE AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES IN LIMA BLAMED NAZI INFLUENCE IN ECUADOR FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE BORDER FIGHTING.

They said it was part of a plan to sow Latin-American discord. — International News Service.

second conspiracy had been uncovered to overthrow President Penaranda. The participants are under arrest. — International News Service.



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AMERICA READY FOR ACTION

Japanese Embassy Announces "Agreement" In Vichy Hints Of Indirect Counter Moves

THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, ANNOUNCING LAST NIGHT THE RECEIPT OF AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT JAPAN AND VICHY HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT OVER INDO-CHINA, DECLINED TO GIVE THE ORIGIN OF THE REPORT.

A Japanese demand probably concerning Camranh was expected in Washington by a number of observers but the demand covering the occupation of the whole country came as a surprise.

Discussion of the possible demands has already taken place among officials and legislative leaders in anticipation of the Japanese action.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that joint Anglo-American economic measures have already been planned against any Japanese aggressive move.

Three moves considered likely among well-informed Washington commentators are:—
THE STOPPING OF UNITED STATES GOLD PURCHASES,
THE FREEZING OF JAPANESE ASSETS, AND
A COMPLETE EMBARGO ON ESSENTIAL EXPORTS TO JAPAN.

Already it has been reported that Japanese gold shipments are so much above normal that it is likely Japan has been acting as intermediary to purchase dollars for the Nazis with German gold.

Indo-China Attitude

The possibility of China assisting Indo-China if she resists is felt to be impracticable in Wash-

ington as the railway linking Indo-China and Yunnan Province has been torn up on the Chinese frontier for some time past and the movement of materials and men through such mountainous country is considered impossible.

On the other hand the Chinese have made military expeditions in impossible terrain before now.

JAPANESE ACTION, IF AND WHEN IT BEGINS, IS EXPECTED TO BE CHIEFLY NAVAL, AFTER WHICH TROOPS MIGHT BE LANDED AT SAIGON AND IN AREAS AROUND CAMRANH. Close observers believe Japan has chosen this moment in a manner which suggests Axis timing thinking that President Roosevelt is likely to do little while he is trying to get the Selectees Extension Bill through Congress.

Japan's Motives

It is believed in Washington that Japan is acting in her own interests rather than those of the Nazis who may benefit incidentally.

It is also suggested Japan, rightly or wrongly, feels that action against Indo-China is the maximum of aggressiveness which can be undertaken without rousing America and Britain to take up arms against her and if it is successful it would bring her within better striking distance of Singapore and the Dutch East Indies should a promising opportunity occur to attack those places later.

IT SEEMS CERTAIN, HOWEVER, THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE SOME ACTION.

A high State Department official in private conversation is reported to have said recently that America was "prepared" if Japan moved aggressively against Indo-China.

Further Strain

Mr. Sumner Welles, when he saw the Japanese Ambassador last night, is believed to have told him that a result of Japanese aggression in Indo-China or elsewhere will be a further strain on American-Japanese relations.

The Japanese Ambassador is an infrequent visitor at the State Department and the news of his call comes at a time when there are increasing signs that America is preparing to give new notice to Japan on the threat of military moves in the Pacific where, as Mr. Welles was expected to make clear to the Japanese envoy, the United States is vitally interested in the maintenance of peace.—Reuter.

Roosevelt Confers

Conflicting reports are being received in Washington from London, Tokyo and Shanghai regarding the latest Japanese moves and intentions in the Far East.

Mr. Roosevelt conferred at length with Mr. Welles and Senator George, presumably on the Pacific situation. The President admitted that the Neutrality Law was discussed but no decisions were made.—Central News.

HOME GUARDS ORGANISATION IN BURMA

The Governor of Burma yesterday issued an ordinance providing for the establishment of Home Guards.—Reuter.

WOMAN HER OWN DETECTIVE

A 45-year-old woman, Wu Yuk-chi, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for theft from No. 4, Bridges Street, third floor, on March 20.

Det. Sergeant W. J. Wall who prosecuted, said that Mak Tso, 25, a married woman, reported to the Police in March, that property and money, totalling \$500 in value had been stolen from her cubicle at Bridges Street.

Yesterday, she informed the Police that she had found some of the stolen articles in accused's possession. Accused was a fellow tenant. When questioned by the Police, accused produced all the stolen property with the exception of a gold finger ring and some of the money, which she had already spent.

MAKING HAY- IN REVERSE

A part of the wire-netting surrounding King George V Memorial Park was stolen during the black-out.

DAYLIGHT BOMBER ATTACKS

Blenheim bombers were out both yesterday morning and afternoon searching for enemy shipping off the coast of France and the Low Countries, states an Air Ministry communique.

During these operations one coastal vessel was sunk and another damaged.

Other Blenheims, escorted by a strong force of fighters, bombed objectives near St. Omer early in the afternoon.

British fighters encountered a number of enemy fighters and destroyed five of them.

British losses in all these operations were five bombers and five fighters but the pilot of one of the fighters is safe.—Reuter.

No To Be Drawn

SIR VICTOR WARRENDER, PARLIAMENTARY AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO THE ADMIRALTY, REFUSED TO BE DRAWN INTO DETAILS WHEN QUESTIONED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY ON U-BOAT LOSSES.

"While I regret that I am unable to give details of recent activities against U-boats I can state that results lately achieved have been encouraging." — Reuter.

Something Different---

THE "Overland China Mail," weekly edition of the "China Mail" and containing all local news from the "Hong Kong Sunday Herald," has made a change in its policy.

Far Eastern news will not now be contained in this edition, which will be devoted entirely to reports of local happenings.

The change has been prompted by local residents in Australia, and in order to give them complete coverage of local activities Far Eastern news has been sacrificed.

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JAPANESE ENVOY GIVEN WARNING BY AMERICA

MR. SUMNER WELLES, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, received the Japanese Ambassador in Washington, Admiral Nomura, last night.

It was believed Mr. Welles was likely to tell the Ambassador that any military move against Indo-China or elsewhere will cause an even further deterioration in American-Japanese relations.

After the meeting with Mr. Welles, which lasted 30 minutes, Admiral Nomura told pressmen that he hoped feeling "between our two countries will become better and better."

It is understood Admiral Nomura discussed the Far East situation, especially Indo-China, but he declined to make any observations on that question to the press, merely saying he had "approached the subject from our side."

Panama Position

Admiral Nomura also said he discussed the question of Japanese ships being unable to pass through the Panama Canal and he stated the ships could not remain at the Canal "permanently."

Eight or ten ships had gone to the south and would go round South America.

Mr. Welles told him that the Canal was closed indefinitely to merchant shipping for repairs.—Reuter.

ISOLATIONIST CAUCUS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

FIFTY CONGRESSIONAL OP-
PONENTS OF THE ROOSEVELT
FOREIGN POLICY HAVE
AGREED TO OPPOSE THE RE-
QUEST FOR A DECLARATION
OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

Senator Taft said the group opposed the retention of draftees, National Guards and reservists for indefinite Army duty.—International News Service.

N.A.A.F.I. STOCK BURGLED

A quantity of wine and cigars, valued at \$132, was stolen from the N.A.A.F.I., Nanjing Barracks, between 3 p.m. on Tuesday and 6 a.m. yesterday.

Germans Thrown Back From The Outskirts Of Smolensk

RUSSIANS STILL IN CONTROL OF SITUATION

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Russia)

SMOLENSK, KEY CITY ON THE RUSSIAN CENTRAL FRONT, IS AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN IN RUSSIAN HANDS, I LEARN ON GOOD AUTHORITY IN MOSCOW, DESPITE GERMAN PROPAGANDA CLAIMS, LATER SUPPORTED BY THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND, THAT SMOLENSK WAS CAPTURED LAST WEDNESDAY.

It is true that German advance units reached the outskirts of Smolensk some days ago but they were driven away.

Soviet communiques rightly continue to speak of "fighting in the direction of Smolensk."

A new impression is gaining ground among competent observers that the second big German offensive, directed mainly against Smolensk, is exhausting itself owing to the formidable Soviet resistance, by supply difficulties, intensified by the great distances to be covered, and frequent effective interference by Soviet guerrilla units.

In addition the Russians have set up many obstacles on the various but not numerous Smolensk to Moscow roads.

Hopeless Task

While such obstacles somewhat hamper the Soviet's own present communications with the front, they may be regarded as one reason why the Germans are beginning to realise that a frontal attack towards Moscow is a hopeless task and why they are endeavouring to explain to the German public that not Moscow but "the destruction of the Soviet army" before Moscow, is their immediate objective.

The whole situation in the Leningrad sector is more obscure.

German Thrust

The Russians do not believe that the German thrust across the highly fortified Karelian Isthmus or around Lake Ladoga, with its difficult lake and waterway-cut terrain, can succeed.

A DANGER TO LENINGRAD IS ONLY POSSIBLE FROM THE SOUTH-WEST BUT THE MAIN SOVIET TROOPS IN THIS SECTOR ARE HOLDING ON GRIMLY AROUND PSKOV AND THE POSITION OF THE GERMANS HERE IS NOT UNLIKE SMOLENSK.

In any case the whole region between Pskov and Leningrad, and also between Tallinn and Leningrad along the coast, is largely composed of forests and marshes with few roads.

Soviet Communique

A Soviet communique issued last night by the Soviet Information Bureau announced:

"During July 23 stubborn battles against the enemy were waged in the Polotsk-Nevel, Smolensk and Zhitomir directions and on the Bessarabian sector of the front."

"At one point of the Bessarabian front our forces routed an enemy motorised regiment, capturing 400 cars, 300 motorcycles, 32 armoured cars, 25 guns, eight mine-throwers and other armaments."

"Our air force during July 23 delivered concentrated blows upon enemy mechanised units and aircraft on aerodromes."

Finnish Claim

The German-Finnish advance from Salla is now proceeding rapidly, having passed the boggy land, according to the Stockholm newspaper "Aftonbladet" correspondent at Helsinki yesterday.

The advance is evidently directed at Kandalaks with the object of cutting the Russians off from Murmansk. It is believed the attacking forces are now within 45 miles of Kandalaks. — Reuter.

Greece Too Big Handful

The fate of Greece is forming the chief subject of Italo-Bulgarian conversations which are taking place in Rome, according to the Rome correspondent of the "Tribune de Geneve."

The correspondent says: "Italy, which is finding the occupation of Greece a pure burden owing to war devastation and economic disorganisation is obliged to husband her own resources in view of the expectation of a very hard winter."

"Italy is therefore proposing that Bulgaria should share the task of keeping Greece alive and reconstructing the country." — Reuter.

INVITATION TO U.S. CONGRESSMEN

AN INVITATION HAS BEEN SENT BY TELEGRAM TO U.S. CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE BODY TO ENGLAND AS THE GUESTS OF THE BRITISH GROUP OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION AND THE BRITISH COUNCIL TO OBTAIN A FIRST-HAND IMPRESSION OF BRITISH LIFE IN ALL ITS ASPECTS UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS.

The telegram, which is signed by Sir Malcolm Robertson, Chairman of the British Council, and Colonel Arthur Evans, Chairman of the British Group, suggests the deputation might travel either by some of the bombers coming to Britain or by sea. — Reuter.

SOVIET MISSION SEES MR. EDEN

The Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Maisky, accompanied by Lt.-Gen. Golikov, who has just returned from Moscow, as well as Admiral Kharlamov, had a talk with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, yesterday afternoon, says a Reuter report from London.

SMOLENSK STILL IN RUSSIAN HANDS

Reuter's special correspondent learned reliably in Moscow yesterday that Smolensk has always been and still is in Russian hands.

LATEST NAZI FANTASY

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] Exceeding all previous fantastic claims, the Nazi news agency yesterday put out a report that German troops had "reached Leningrad from the south-west."

Red Army guerrillas, it was alleged in Berlin, had been "compelled to surrender a forest near the Leningrad area."

Odessa, says a German communique, was blitzed, "with terrific explosions and huge fires."

Nazi warplanes, it was claimed, destroyed a transport train and tracks west of Moscow and also bombed Soviet formations on the north-west shore of Lake Peipus. — International News Service.

MAN DISAPPEARS

A resident of the Nathan Hotel, Chu Po-sang, 26, is reported "missing" since Tuesday morning.

According to the man's friend, who made a report to the police, they arrived in the Colony by plane from Chungking on Sunday and were to leave for Shanghai this morning.

The friend suggested that Chu, who had recently been disappointed in a love affair in Chungking, might be the victim of an act of despondency.

The missing man knew nobody in this Colony.

"MINISTER FOR THE GERMAN EAST"

Alfred Rosenberg, Nazi specialist on Eastern questions, has been chosen "Minister for the German East," according to an unconfirmed report from the Berlin correspondent of the Zurich newspaper "Die Tat." — Reuter.

U.S. NAVAL SHORE FACILITIES

The \$224,000,000 bill for additional naval shore facilities passed the House of Representatives yesterday and has been sent to the Senate, says Reuter from Washington.

CHINA WAR BONDS

Subscriptions to the Chungking National Economy Savings Certificates during the past 12 months totalled \$407,030,000, according to a report by the certificates promotion committee, which was established on July 23, 1940. — Central News.

DR. LANG ON AID TO RUSSIA

"We must wish every success to the valiant Russian armies and people in their struggle and be ready to give them every possible assistance," writes the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Canterbury Diocesan Gazette.

It may seem strange to combine "an alliance with Bolshevik Russia with the claim that we are contending for Christian civilisation," says the Primate, but such misgivings are really misplaced for the first essential of the struggle is to overthrow the evil embodied in the rulers of Germany.

A Nazi victory would destroy any tolerable form of government and the Soviets are contending for the principles of national freedom and independence. — Reuter.

New Tolerance

The Archbishop writes: "Russia is contending for the principles of national freedom and independence for which the British Commonwealth and the U.S.A. are standing."

"It may well be that the Russian defence of its own land and the new unity which this will bring may lead to a new tolerance of religion by the Soviet Government and a new resurgence of the interests of religion, always deep-seated in the heart of the Russian people."

"It is significant that on the outbreak of war thousands flocked to the churches for prayer in Moscow and elsewhere."

"We must therefore wish every success to the valiant Russian armies and people in the struggle and be ready to give them every possible help." — British Wireless.

VENGEANCE SOARS INTO ACTION

Smashing a glass wand filled with oxygen across the propeller hub of a new dive-bomber for Britain, Lady Halifax, wife of the British Ambassador, declared at Los Angeles yesterday:—

"I christen thee Vengeance, the newest 'V' in Britain's campaign for victory."

The dive-bomber, which is a low-wing monoplane, camouflaged, then roared off, climbed to 5,000 feet and went into a deafening dive to 1,000 feet while Vulture aircraft workers cheered.

Lord Halifax spoke briefly, reassuring the workers that "Britain is going to finish the job we started to do." — Reuter.

STALIN'S WAR CABINET

Stalin has added another Vice-Commissioner of Defence to the group he has gathered around him, bringing the total up to six.

The new Commissioner is M. Peresipkin, who was formerly Commissioner of Posts and Telegraphs. — Reuter.

SOVIET'S POISON GAS CHARGES

Further details concerning the contents of secret documents detailing instructions for the use of poison gas which, Soviet Russia claims, were seized from routed German soldiers at Zapadnaia - Psychna on July 15, have now been disclosed.

According to the Russian authorities, the captured packets were sealed and stamped by the German High Command and addressed to the 2/52 Nobel Merer Regiment.

The high series number of one of the enclosed documents indicate that similar instructions had been issued to a great number of other regiments.

Detailed explanations bore the date July 11 and were concerned with the use of "withering" irritant gas shells, the purpose of which was to wear down the physique of an opponent, and then the use of blue ring and green ring gas shells containing vesicant (blistering) and other lethal gases. — Reuter.

SOVIET SINKS 10 NAZI SHIPS

Ten enemy ships, it is now learned, were sunk when Soviet bombers attacked an enemy convoy, states the official Soviet news agency.

Five ships were sunk by Soviet destroyers.

The convoy was apparently intercepted in the Baltic when proceeding north.

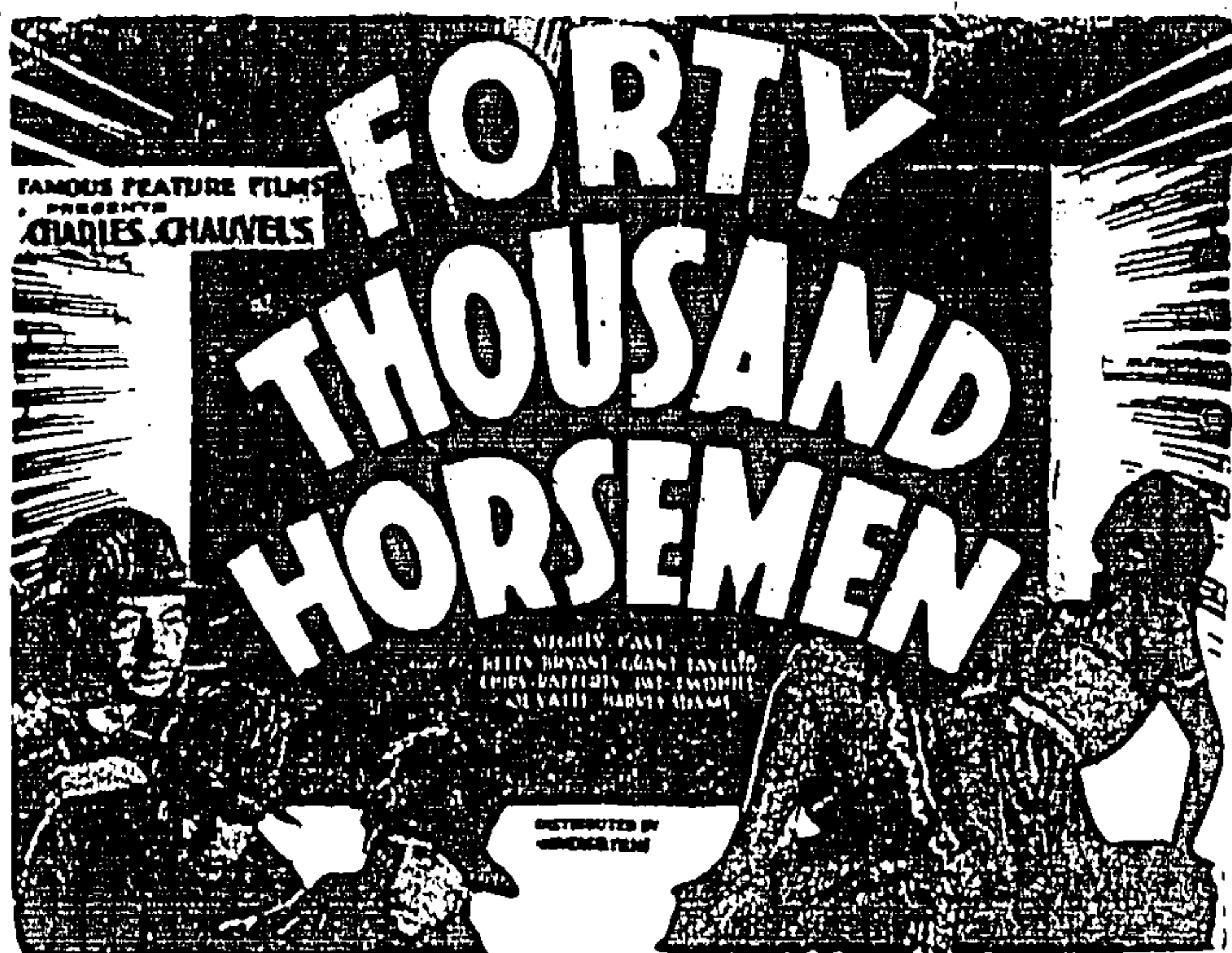
Soviet fighters on patrol flashed back news of the presence of the enemy ships.

Soviet bombers repeatedly attacked the ships while destroyers shelled the transports. The enemy vessels exploded and sank. — Reuter.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS BACK IN LONDON

General Meollov and Col. Dragan, two members of the Russian military mission, returned to London last night after a visit to Moscow to report to the Soviet Government, says Reuter from London.

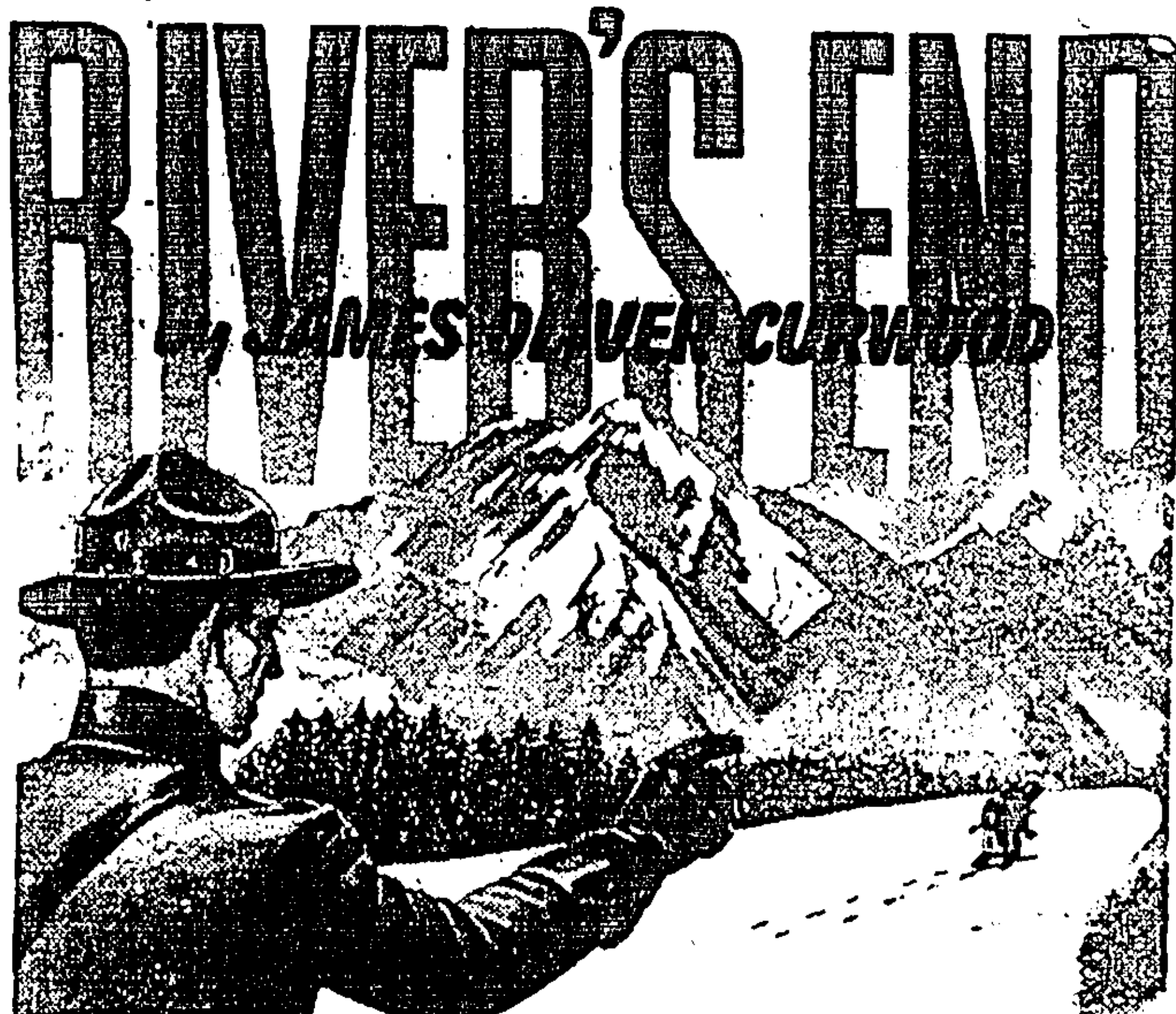
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MOSCOW TAKES RAID NO. 2 WITHOUT A THRILL

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Moscow)

THE RUSSIAN CAPITAL'S second aerial attack lacked novelty and thrill for Moscow's inhabitants although it came at the height of the great city's night life.

Earlier in the evening there was a short alarm without the appearance of enemy bombers, and while the sirens were still whistling the second alert, A.A. guns opened fire and continued until dawn.

Russian fire-fighting methods are effective, judging from the small number of fires lighted despite the great German effort, although the Soviet procedure is not always orthodox. Many Russians received burns by recklessly grasping incendiaries in their bare hands. Already the Russians seem hardened to bombing, even women and children being less hurried in finding shelter in the tube stations, where the current is disconnected and smoking and rest rooms provided. SOME BOMBS DROPPED IN SQUARES AND STREETS BUT TRAFFIC WAS NOT DISRUPTED AS MOSCOW'S STREETS ARE EXTREMELY WIDE AND CAN ACCOMMODATE TRAFFIC AND BOMB CRATERS.—REUTER.

EMERGENCY POWERS RESOLUTION

WHEN A RESOLUTION WAS MOVED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY FOR CONTINUING THE DEFENCE ACT EMERGENCY POWERS IN OPERATION FOR A FURTHER YEAR, MR. OSWALD PEAKS, UNDER-SECRETARY AT THE HOME OFFICE, REVEALED THAT IN ALL, 1,779 PEOPLE HAD BEEN DETAINED UNDER THE FAMOUS REGULATION 18 B.

Mr. Peake intimated that this number had fallen to-day to 762. Of this number 292 were detained as members of an organisation which was subject to foreign influence or control. Some were British subjects only by accident of birth and there were also others belonging to a sort of international underworld which floated from one capital to another without any strong national loyalty.—REUTER.

VESSEL BUILT IN 4 MONTHS

THE FIRST OF 30 10,000-TON CARGO SHIPS BEING BUILT FOR BRITAIN AT THE TODD SHIPYARDS IN CALIFORNIA IS EXPECTED TO BE LAUNCHED ON AUGUST 15, FOUR MONTHS TO THE DAY AFTER THE KEEL WAS LAID. Three more hulls are now on the slipways. Thirty similar vessels are being built at the Todd yards at Portland, Maine.—REUTER.



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FRENCH STRIKES RUTHLESSLY SUPPRESSED

COMMENTING ON MOSCOW broadcasts inciting French workers to strike and sabotage, the Zurich "National Zeitung" says widespread strike movements have been attempted among textile workers and coal miners in northern France.

The strikes, however, were instantly throttled by the occupation authorities who closed the food shops and prevented the sale of food to the strikers.

The Vichy authorities have a harder task to prevent strikes as they are reluctant to use similar drastic measures.

In the unoccupied zone "staggered" strikes, consisting of stoppages lasting several hours, are successfully carried out by individual sheds, which is sufficient to hold up production of whole factories.

According to the French pro-German weekly paper "Gringoire," 19,000 former officials of the French Communist Party have been arrested and 9,000 interned out of a total of 30,000.—REUTER.

AS BY A MIRACLE

"THE POSITION IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED AS IF BY A MIRACLE," SAID THE NAWAB OF RANPORE IN A STATEMENT ISSUED YESTERDAY AND QUOTED BY MADRAS RADIO.

Following the suppression of the Iraq revolt, Nazi domination of the Vichy administration of Syria has been checked and the safety of Egypt assured. "It is a grand thought for all Moslems that such should be the position to-day as compared with what we feared two months ago."—REUTER.

JAPANESE LEAVING S. AFRICA

All Japanese private residents except three in South Africa are to be evacuated this week to Japan.

The consular and diplomatic staffs will remain but their families are returning.

The "Manila Maru" is being held up at Cape Town to take the evacuees aboard.

This vessel and the "Belgium Maru" at Durban will be the last Japanese ships to visit South Africa waters for some time, as the general representative of the Osaka Syosen Kaisha stated yesterday he had been advised that Japanese shipping services with South Africa were being temporarily suspended.

All Japanese businesses in South Africa are already shut down or will be by the end of this week.—REUTER.

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Nation To Hire Land Workers

(By An Industrial Correspondent)

NUMBERS OF MEN of 41 who registered recently for industrial service and some now due for military service because their jobs have been removed from the Schedule of Reserved Occupations may shortly be sent to work on the land.

Mr. Bevin, Labour Minister, has promised to find 10,000 men, mainly from these sources.

They will not, however, be employed by individual farmers, but will work for the County War Agricultural Executive Committees and will be given employment under the Essential Work Order. They will not be able to leave their jobs and the Committees will have no power to sack them.

In addition, farm workers will be entitled to leave their ordinary jobs and claim immediate employment by the Agricultural Committee under the same conditions. Farm workers who are out of work for 14 days will be required by the Ministry of Labour to take employment with the Committee.

To Reclaim Land

These workers will be employed mainly on drainage, ditching and other land reclamation work designed to bring the countryside into full production. This work has already greatly increased production.

Steps will be taken to transfer the workers under the control of these committees to other counties where labour is required. The men will also be available to help on farms at times of pressure.

This scheme is now under discussion and is subject to modifications.

Minimum Wage Plan

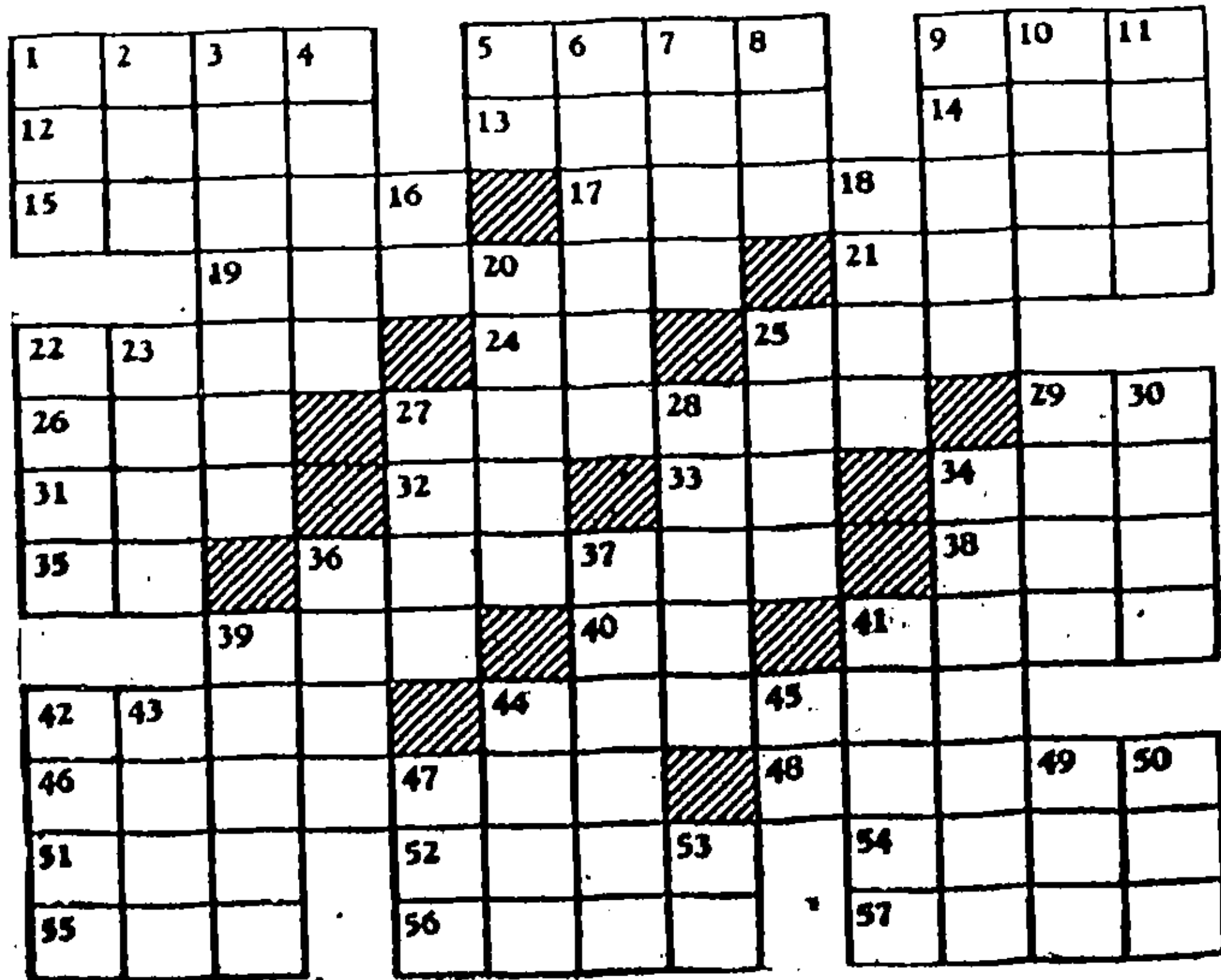
The minimum wage fixed by the Agricultural Committees will have an effect on wages paid throughout agriculture. The National Union of Agricultural Workers has submitted to the Essential Wages Board a claim of £3 national minimum.

The decision of the Board will be announced before the end of the month.

TRIAD SOCIETY

At the request of Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin, Leung Cheung-ping, 33, was remanded for 24 hours by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning for being a member of a Triad Society.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Chair
- 5 Partly open
- 9 In what way
- 12 Italian river
- 13 Trust
- 14 Japanese sash
- 15 Platter
- 17 Patagonian deity
- 19 Looky with malignant satisfaction
- 21 Competent
- 22 Planet
- 24 Spanish article
- 25 Distorted
- 26 Arabian garment
- 27 German port
- 29 Egyptian deity
- 31 Jewel
- 32 Sloth
- 33 Conjunction
- 34 Was victorious
- 35 Pronoun
- 36 To wrinkle
- 38 Long-handled implement
- 39 Seed vessel
- 40 Pronoun
- 41 To pass through a sieve
- 42 Continent

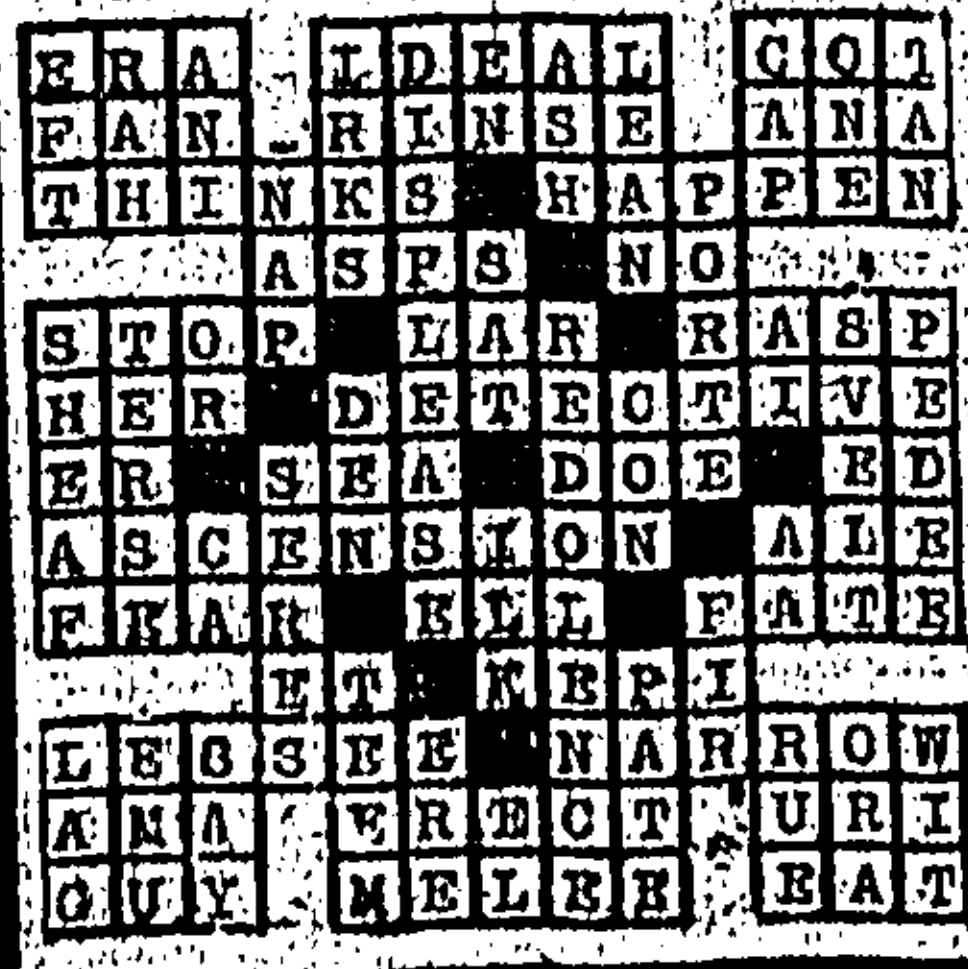
VERTICAL

- 1 To sink
- 2 To be mistaken
- 3 Word made with the letters of another
- 4 Labour
- 5 Interjection
- 6 To bump
- 7 Imitates
- 8 To soak

9 Avocation

- 10 Greek coin
- 11 Learned
- 16 See
- 18 To deserve
- 20 Eagle's nest
- 22 Priestly caste
- 23 To aid
- 25 Used to be
- 27 Poet
- 28 Hebrew law-giver
- 29 Cover of a building
- 30 The dill
- 34 Thrill sound
- 36 Fuel
- 37 Unit of electrical intensity
- 39 Musician
- 41 Vapour
- 42 Troubles
- 43 Pintail
- 44 Russian mountain system
- 45 Printer's measure
- 47 Room in a harem
- 49 To bring forth
- 50 Frog
- 53 Babylonian deity

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



DUKE OF KENT GOING TO CANADA

The Duke of Kent will shortly arrive in Canada according to an announcement made in Ottawa yesterday by the Dominion Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King.—Reuter.

YOUTHS SAIL CANOES 1,800 MILES

Having paddled their own canoes all the way from the coast of Maine, part of the way in the open Atlantic, two youths drifted into Biscayne Bay and declared Florida waters a heaven for canoeists.

Nat Gebhard and A. J. Henke left Bar Harbour, Maine, September 30, after having trucked their canoes there from Boston, where they had been employed in the Watertown Arsenal. They had saved money and decided to make the trip that had long been their plan.

They sailed in the open ocean from Bar Harbour to Cape God, Massachusetts, on the first leg of the voyage that brought them to Miami. They told of thrilling adventures when they were caught in changing tides and winds around Point Judith and Cape Hatteras in their light 16-foot shells with 33-inch beam.

They made no attempt at speed, 30 miles a day being good sailing, but 78 miles was their best run. Of the approximately 1,800-mile trip, 450 miles was in the open ocean. They ate and slept aboard, and when they cooked, they said they lashed the two canoes together and one sailed while the other prepared food on a two-burner stove.

BUS CONDUCTOR ASSAULTED

For assaulting a bus conductor, Nip Lim, at 7 a.m. this morning outside the Star Ferry, Li Fuk, 27, diver, was fined \$10 or two weeks' hard labour, by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon to-day. Accused boarded the bus in Nathan Road, near Argyle Street, standing near the entrance. The conductor requested him several times to refrain from standing there. Accused kept quiet the whole journey but when the bus reached the terminus he punched the conductor.

BRENDAN BRACKEN TAKES OVER

Mr. Brendan Bracken, M.P., has taken up his duties as Minister of Information in succession to Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, appointed Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and yesterday met newspaper representatives working at the Ministry.—British Wireless.

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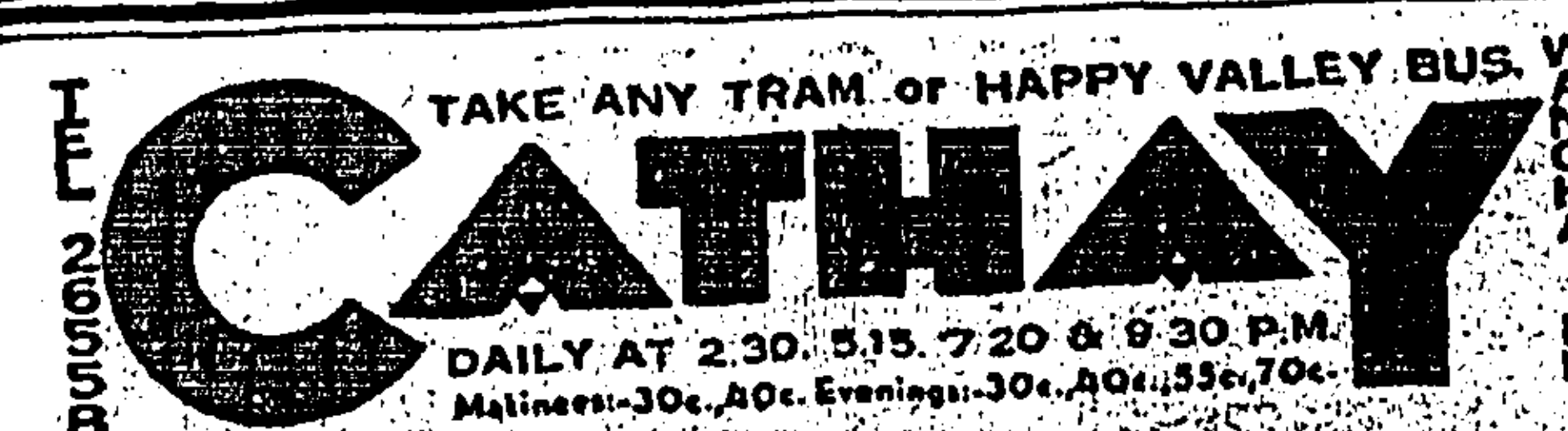
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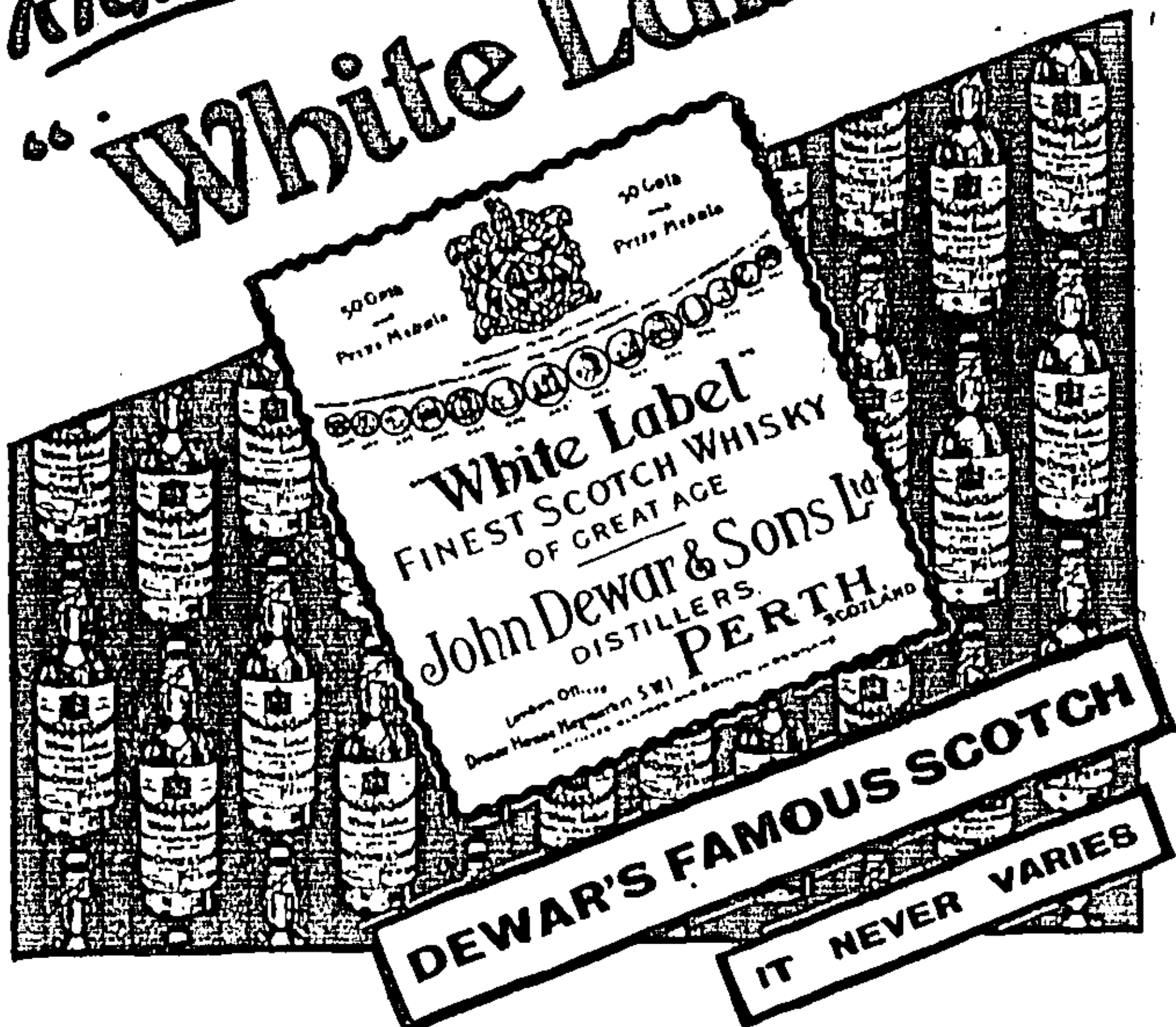


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Nazi Confession Of Toughness Of Soviet Resistance

SIGNIFICANT STATEMENTS ARE MADE
BY A BERLIN COMMENTATOR GIVING THE
DAILY "ELUCIDATION OF THE GERMAN
HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE" ON THE
GERMAN RADIO LAST NIGHT.

The commentator said the battle in the East differed from that in the West because in the West either the men or their commanders realised that their resistance was useless, whereas the Soviet soldiers "created unexpected precedents by both attacking and defending at the same time."

After alleging that the Russians "allow themselves to be mown down and die at their posts," not because they have any love for the Bolshevik regime but because they are shot if they attempt to retreat, he added:

"That is why the number of prisoners so far taken is comparatively low though losses in Soviet dead have been extremely bloody and heavy."

"But to master this new type of campaign—for our attacks may come either from the front or rear—two qualities are necessary—intrepidity on the part of the soldiers and adaptability on the part of the commanders."

"Soft Earth"

"German soldiers must know how to help themselves and turn a difficult situation to their advantage."

The commentator gave as example the fighting in the southern sector where, in spite of "great difficulties occasioned by the soft earth," the Axis troops were slowly advancing," he declared.—Reuter.

PERSECUTION OF CATHOLICS IN POLAND

The wide dissemination of the official Catholic report on Nazi persecution of the Catholic Church in Poland was mentioned in the Commons yesterday when the Minister of Information was asked whether such reports did not expose the falsity of Hitler's claims to be "fighting a crusade against Russia."

The Minister said the Catholic report was part of the continual stream of information about persecution of churches in Germany and occupied countries which was being distributed all over the world through many channels.—British Wireless.

U.S. GIFT OF MOBILE CANTEENS

Mrs. Winant, wife of the U.S. Ambassador in London, yesterday presented thirteen mobile canteens, gift of friends in the U.S.A. to the Salvation Army for use in relief work in Britain.

This makes a total of 71 canteens now in Britain subscribed through the generosity of American people.—British Wireless.

ALLIED SHIP SUNK

The destruction in the north Atlantic of the Norwegian cargo steamer Vigrid, reportedly two days ago, was disclosed in maritime circles in New York yesterday.

Unofficially it is reported the vessel was carrying Red Cross nurses to England.—Reuter.

AN OLD SPANISH CUSTOM?

Although there have been rather truculent statements by Spanish leaders in recent days it is well to remember, it was authoritatively stated in London, that Spain is still dependent on cargoes that go into her ports with British navicerts.

The position in Spain is that only in isolated areas is there a real sufficiency of home produced foods. The Spanish people, still suffering from the effects of the long drawn out Civil War, are living from hand to mouth.

There are few reserve stocks of any size in the country and we have sent cargoes of fish to Spain from Newfoundland.

British navicerts have been given for other essential cargoes from South America, and Spain's imports include meat and Canadian wheat.

A Spain involved in the war on the side of the Axis would almost immediately become a liability to the aggressor nations on whose side she cared to place herself.—British Wireless.

HAUSHOFER UNDER ARREST

THE CONTINUED HOUSE ARREST OF THE NAZI "GEO-POLITICAL" THEORIST, PROFESSOR HAUSHOFER, WHO WAS ARRESTED AT THE TIME OF THE HESS FLIGHT, WAS REPORTED YESTERDAY BY A REUTER CORRESPONDENT "SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE."

The same source reports the belief is held in many German circles that the army is likely to take over control of Germany from the Nazi Party this autumn if by then big successes against Russia are not achieved.—Reuter.

GERMAN PROTEST REJECTED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

BOLIVIA HAS FLATLY REJECTED THE NAZI PROTEST AGAINST THE EXPULSION OF THE GERMAN MINISTER IN LA PAZ, MAINTAINING IT IS A SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF BOLIVIA TO DECIDE FOR HERSELF WHO IS PERSONA NON GRATA.

Wendler, the Nazi Minister, is on the way to Rio de Janeiro and will probably fly to Europe by the Italian trans-Atlantic line.—International News Service.

KARELIAN SEPARATIST MOVE CLAIMED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

It was claimed in Helsinki yesterday that the secession of the East Karelian Soviet U.S.S.R. and union with Finland was proclaimed at a meeting of Karelian separatists at Vukiniemi.—International News Service.

HUGE NAZI SHIPPING LOSSES

Enemy shipping losses in the week ended July 21 were in part due to the highly successful low level attack on shipping at Rotterdam on the 16th and the complete break up of two enemy convoys on the 19th.

In the Rotterdam attack 11 ships varying in tonnage between 10,000 and 2,000, were hit and left smoking.

The Rotterdamsche Lloyd liner "Balseran," a motor vessel of 17,000 tons, was hit by several bombs.

Two supply ships, each of 4,000 tons, exploded and a smaller vessel of the same kind was hit amidships and exploded.

In all 17 ships totalling between 90,000 and 100,000 tons were put out of action while five more ships totalling between 40,000 tons were severely damaged.

The other two big attacks took place off the Hague and the island of Norderney.

In the first off the Hague, the convoy was so strongly guarded by flakships that they almost equalled the number of vessels they were guarding.

Four vessels, one of 4,000 tons which blew up, and three of 6,000 tons each of which caught fire, were accounted for.

Later in the day, in a second convoy off Norderney, a tanker of about 10,000 tons and four ships—one of 6,000 tons, two of 8,000 tons one of 2,000 tons—were left blazing.

With other successful attacks, mainly off the French coast, a total of over 220,000 tons of enemy shipping was thus either disposed of altogether or put out of action for some time to come.—British Wireless.

HEINKEL SHOT DOWN

A GERMAN BOMBER, BELIEVED TO BE A HEINKEL III, WAS SHOT DOWN ON TUESDAY NIGHT BY COMBINED A.A. FIRE FROM A BRITISH CONVOY AND ESCORT VESSELS, SAYS AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE.

The bomber attempted to attack the convoy but was promptly and effectively engaged and soon hit. It was seen to crash into the sea.

No damage was suffered by ships of the convoy.—Reuter.

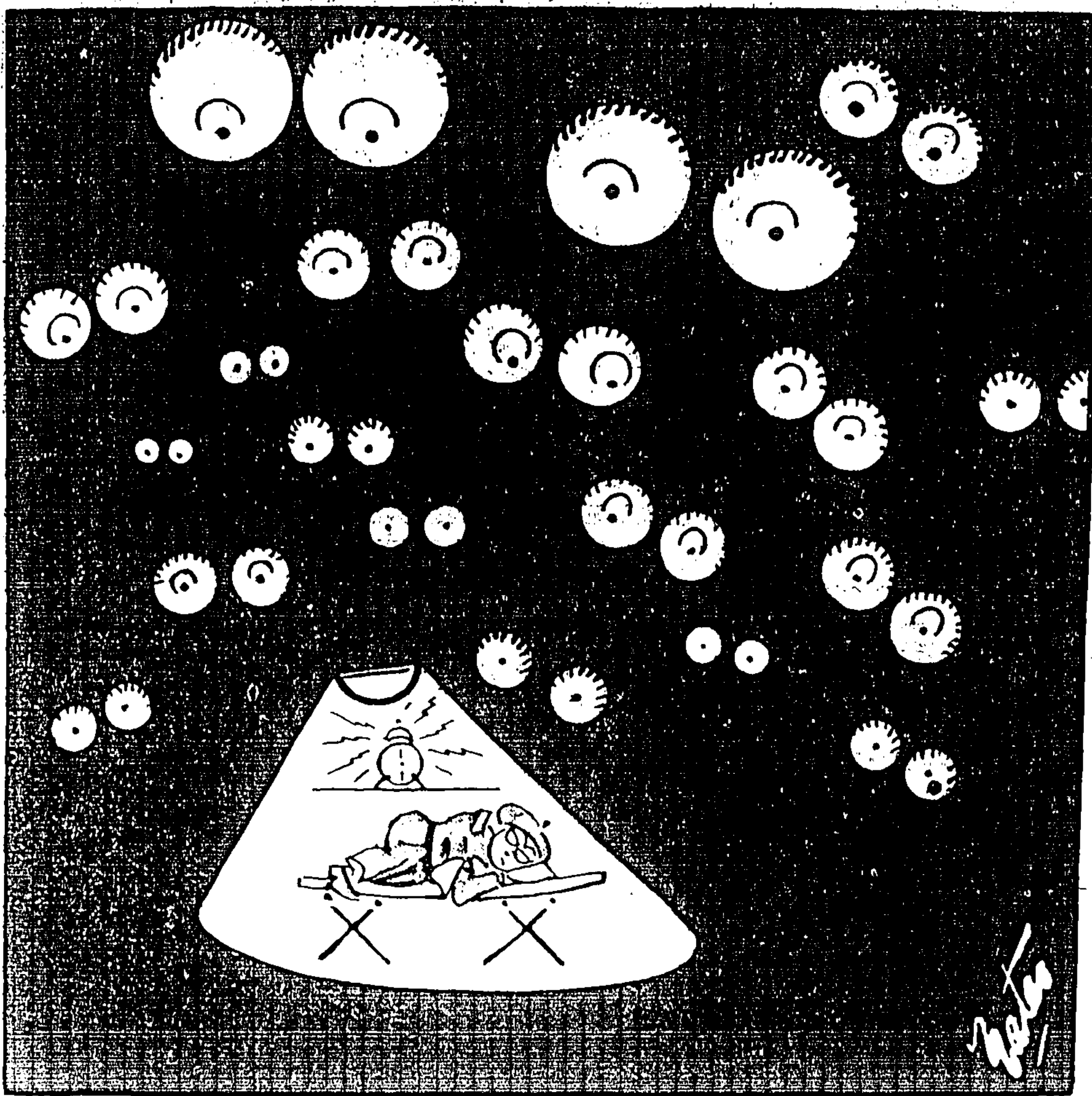
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THE NEW ERA

Commentators on world politics are all fully agreed that Japan now faces the crucial point in her history and that a decision as to her future policy must soon be arrived at. Japanese statesmen are fully aware of the seriousness of the position and of their responsibilities. Prince Konoye, as a preliminary to unobstructed thought has by forming a new Cabinet, dropped all those, including Mr. Matsuoka, who through their past political actions or statements, might tend to hamper the new era about to be inaugurated. As a result, Japan finds herself freer to-day than she has been for many months past to work out her own destiny.

What that new era actually includes few would venture to predict, but the Japanese Government now have time to consider whether they intend to follow a lost cause or to revert to Japan's former successful policy by making it possible for the people to exploit those commercial opportunities on which the country's prosperity so largely depends. Much of this prosperity has disappeared during the past few years and the reason requires no seeking. German ideas of military power carefully inculcated during months of steady labour are, however, not eradicated by a simple stroke of the pen and German influence is still strong in certain sections of the community. Fortunately for Japan it will not lie with German well-wishers to guide Japan at the present time so much as a cold and measured calculation by her statesmen of future possibilities.

The European situation is clearing with the increasing assurance that Hitler cannot win the war. It is evident that Hitler's past successes or any future successes he may obtain, when compared with the enormous population and powers of the British Empire, the United States and Russia, are of local character only. Hitler himself recognises the fact that unless he defeats Britain at sea and in the air, he cannot hope to dominate the world. That is the aim of all his efforts. His attack on Norway, his invasion of Western Europe, were made for the sole purpose of preparing the ground for the defeat of Britain as the preliminary to world domination. He failed miserably to cross the seas to Britain



BLACK-OUT ENLIGHTENMENT

The Art Of Propaganda

Germany is now waging a psychological war as well as a military war. That psychological war is based in the principles of propaganda laid down by Adolf Hitler in his autobiography

"Mein Kampf." Below the book's most important passages on propaganda are published.

To whom must propaganda appeal? To the scientific intelligentsia or to the less educated masses? It must appeal forever and only to the masses!

The task of propaganda lies not in a scientific training of the individual, but rather in directing the masses toward certain facts, events, necessities, etc., the purpose being to move their importance into the masses' field of vision.

The art of propaganda is exclusively to attack this problem so skillfully that a general con-

By

Adolf Hitler

viction is created of the reality of a fact, of the necessity of an event—in other words, that something that is necessary is also right.

All propaganda should be popular and should adapt its intellectual level to the perception of the least intelligent of those toward whom it intends to direct itself. Therefore, its intellectual level must be screwed the lower, the greater the mass of people which one wants to attract. If—as with propaganda for carrying on a war—the object is to include an entire people in its field of action, there cannot be too much caution in avoiding too high spiritual assumptions.

The more modest, then, its scientific ballast is, and the more it exclusively considers the feelings of the masses, the more striking will be its success. Its success, moreover, is the best proof whether a particular piece of propaganda is right or wrong, and not whether it satisfies a few scholars or "esthetic" languishing monkeys.

The purpose of propaganda is not continually to produce interesting changes for a few pleasure masters, but to convince, that means to convince the masses. The masses, however, with their inertia, always need a certain time before they are ready even to notice a single thing, and they

will devote their memories only to the thousandfold repetition of the most simple ideas.

For the art of propaganda lies in the fact that, understanding the great masses' worlds of ideas and feelings, it finds, by a correct psychological form, the way to the attention, and further to the heart, of the great masses. That our super-clever intellects never understand this proves only their mental inertia or their conceit.

But if one understands the necessity of using propaganda to attract the great masses, the following rule then results:

It is wrong to want to give propaganda the many-sidedness of scientific teaching.

The receptive ability of the great masses is only very limited, their understanding is small; on the other hand, their forgetfulness is great. This being so, all effective propaganda should be limited to a very few points which, in turn, should be used as slogans until even the very last man is able to imagine what is meant by such words. As soon as one sacrifices this basic principle and tries to become versatile, the effect will be frittered away, as the masses are neither able to digest the material offered to them nor to retain it. Thus the effect will be weakened and finally cancelled.

In the size of the lie there is always contained a certain factor of credibility, since the great masses of a people may be more corrupt in the bottom of their hearts than consciously and intentionally bad. Therefore, with the primitive simplicity of their minds, they will more easily fall victims to a great lie than to a small one, since they themselves lie sometimes in little things, but would certainly be too much ashamed of very great lies.

The great mass of a people is not composed of diplomats or of teachers of political law, or even of purely reasonable individuals who are able to pass judgment, but of childlike human beings who are as undecided as they are inclined toward doubts and uncertainty. As soon as one's own propaganda admits even a glimpse of right on the other side, the ground for doubting one's own cause is laid. The masses are not in a position to distinguish where the wrong of the enemy

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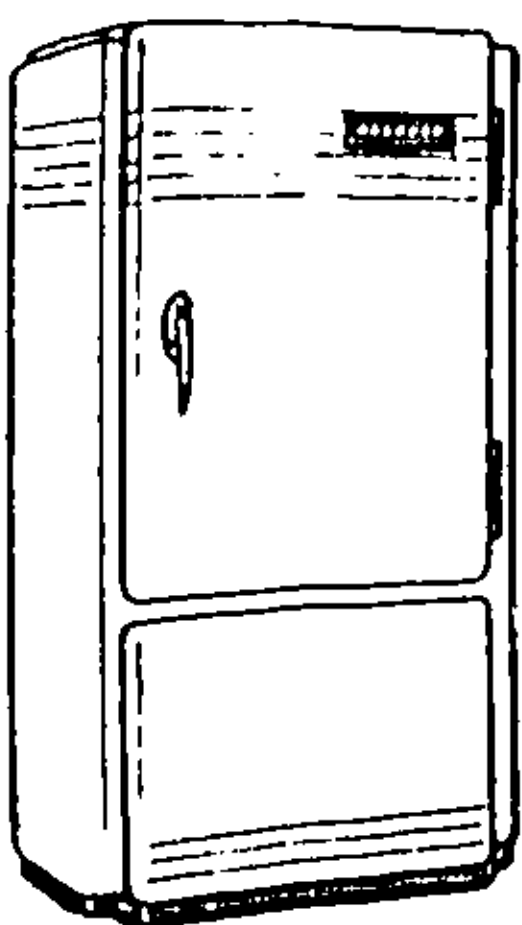
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OCCUPATION OF INDO-CHINA: WARNING OF BRITISH REPRISAL

THE LONDON "DAILY TELEGRAPH," IN A LEADER ON INDO-CHINA THIS MORNING, SAYS THAT AS AN EXCUSE FOR THIS LATEST PIECE OF BANDITRY JAPAN IS RE-SORTING ONCE AGAIN TO THE THREAD-BARE TACTIC OF PRETENDING THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO FORESTALL ALLEGED BRITISH DESIGNS.

It should hardly have needed Mr. Eden's categorical repudiation to convince Vichy that this is a mischievous lie invented by Tokyo for Tokyo's own ends.

Yet Vichy apparently prefers to believe that it is Britain and not Japan, who is about to commit aggression against Indo-China, and put into the mouth of its radio commentator the statement that this would be "an unutterable act of piracy by a Britain who seems bent on launching attacks on the colonies of her old ally."

Once more, says the paper, it appears as if Marshal Petain's pledge to protect the French Empire is a pledge never to be honoured except when, as in Syria, Britain intends to eject the Axis intruders whom Vichy openly aided and abetted.

British Reprisal Likely

If and when Japan proceeds to the occupation of Indo-China, whether or not with the connivance of Vichy, it will be an act of aggression against which Britain will not be without means of effective reprisal.

It is obvious, according to the paper, that Japan's primary purpose in Indo-China is to use it as a jumping off point for eventual military designs on British, Dutch and American interests and possessions in the western Pacific.

That aspect of the situation is unlikely to be lost upon anyone of these intended victims.

The Intent

The "Yorkshire Post," with which the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, is closely connected, in a leader declares we shall pay no attention to claims that the Japanese are acting with French consent.

The Japanese want to organise Indo-China as a base for possible operations at some promising future date against the Dutch East Indies, British Malaya and possibly Thailand.

MASTERY OF THE VAST PACIFIC AREA STRETCHING FROM SINGAPORE THROUGH HONG KONG AND THE PHILIPPINES TO AUSTRALIA—IS THEIR ULTIMATE GOAL.

That is what their talk of an East Asia co-prosperity sphere means.

It is therefore certain that whatever Japan does in Indo-China will not be watched with indifference either in London or Washington.

Indifference Impossible

"The Scotsman," in a leader, says neither Britain nor the United States could be indifferent to Japanese occupation of Indo-China or even of selected key points in that country.

It would be interpreted as the first move in a policy the end of which was Japanese domination in that quarter of the Pacific Ocean.

IT IS A THREATENING SITUATION BUT NOT ONE THAT NEED IN THE MEANTIME BE TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY. JAPAN IS IN NO POSITION TO INVITE BATTLE WITH A POWERFUL ADVERSARY.

The "Liverpool Daily Post" thinks one would look for some

caution from a calculative people like the Japanese but the militarists and imperialists are evidently in complete control in Tokyo, and as experience has shown, there is hardly a limit to their ambitions. — Reuter.

Commons Statement

Japanese policy in the Far East was the subject of a written reply by the Foreign Secretary to a Commons question.

Mr. Eden said Government were aware of persistent reports to the effect the Japanese Government intended to take action to obtain naval and air bases in southern Indo-China.

The reports were the more significant since they coincided with the Japanese press campaign of innuendo against Britain in respect of both Indo-China and Thailand.

He welcomed this opportunity therefore to state that the alleged designs of Britain in both those countries were entirely non-existent.

As regards Indo-China, British relations had been much restricted since the collapse of France though a limited amount of trade continued.

As regards Thailand, British policy was governed by the Treaty of Non-Aggression with that country.

That Treaty was not designed to obtain exclusive advantages and it was not directed against any third party except insofar as such third party might attempt to interfere with those excellent neighbourly relations, political, economic and other, which had always existed between Britain and Thailand. — British Wireless.

THE COAST CLEAR

It is officially stated: "No enemy aircraft crossed our coasts yesterday." — British Wireless.

AIRMEN'S DESERT THRILL

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at Gibraltar)

In the face of a hail of bullets from 200 hostile tribesmen acting as frontier guards, a Swordfish plane from Gibraltar rescued the crew of a British bomber which crashed on the North African coast.

The Swordfish was sent out to find the bomber, which was spotted burnt out. The pilot circled round for 10 minutes to investigate and saw 200 tribesmen grouped around the bomber, and the crew further off.

Taking advantage of a slight rise in ground to keep out of sight of the main body of tribesmen, the plane made a forced landing.

The crew dashed towards the Swordfish, zig-zagging as they ran, as the tribesmen opened fire when they realised what was happening.

THE PILOT TURNED THE SWORDFISH SO THAT THE SCREW KICKED UP A THICK SMOKE-SCREEN OF DUST PARTLY HIDING THE CREW WHO SCRAMBLED ABOARD AS THE PLANE TOOK OFF.

The Swordfish bore bullet marks when it returned to Gibraltar with the crew unhurt. — Reuter.

NEW EXCHANGE REGULATIONS

With the changed international situation affecting the foreign trade of North China, the Federal Reserve Bank in Tientsin is enforcing new exchange regulations under which exports from North China will be permissible in the future in return for imports, proof of the actual loading of which is now required, according to reports from Japanese sources. — Reuter.

SIGNS OF TENSION IN JAPAN

SIGNS OF GROWING tension in the Far East were reported yesterday in a Shanghai despatch to the official Vichy news agency.

This says it was learned yesterday that foreigners who recently arrived at Nagasaki to spend a holiday in Japan were not allowed to go to a certain summer resort on the coast.

All Japanese shipping companies, the despatch says, announced yesterday morning that "because of the present situation" they would stop indicating the movements of their ships.

Another announcement stated that travellers from Tokyo to the Manchukuo port of Dairen could only take small automobiles with them.

Reason was to save space and make it possible to cope with the "considerable increase in the number of travellers going to Manchukuo." — Reuter.

LOAN AGREEMENT LEGISLATION

The Financial Powers (U.S.A. Securities) Bill, which confers on the Treasury powers for giving effect to the loan agreement between Britain and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, announced on Tuesday, was read a first time in the Commons yesterday. — British Wireless.

Vichy Agrees To Pretend Britain Menaces Indo-China

Sense of gathering crisis in the Far East increased this morning with a flood of messages from all quarters indicating among other things, that a forcible warning has been given to the Japanese Ambassador in Washington, and that mobilisation in Japan is proceeding to its maximum scale.

No authoritative indication is forthcoming of the course of action likely to be pursued by Britain and the United States in the event of French acceptance of Japan's demands, but that close contact is being maintained between the two governments is officially announced.

The Franco-Japanese talks were the subject of a semi-official announcement made in Vichy last night but it contains no reference to a Japanese ultimatum to Indo-China.

The announcement says: "The conversations begun in two recent visits paid to Admiral Darlan by the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Somatsu Kato, are continuing by an intermediary of the Japanese diplomatic representation at Vichy."

"At the same time, Admiral Decoux, Governor-General of Indo-China, has several times received Major-General Sumita, head of the Japanese mission."

"These interchanges of view are taking place within the framework of the agreements concluded a year ago between France and Japan."

The press of unoccupied France so far has remained silent on the question.

Japanese To "Defend" Indo-China

After saying that the agreement of August, 1940, recognises that Japan has rights due to the nation most interested in the maintenance of order in the Far East, the official Vichy news agency adds:

"The Japanese are of opinion that events reported in the immediate neighbourhood of Indo-China constitute a threat to this order of which they are the defenders."

"French political observers are of opinion that in these circumstances the Japanese request to take certain measures may be taken into consideration as long as the rights of France in Indo-China are not encroached upon and all guarantees concerning her sovereignty are given her."

Call-Up In Japan

The Japanese are carrying out military mobilisation on a scale never seen before, according to reports reaching Shanghai to-day.

Thousands of conscripts previously classified as unfit for active service have been mobilised, it is stated, while many who had been discharged after service in China have again been called up.

Members of the Japanese community in Shanghai have also been called up and are leaving for Japan.

Reports received in Chungking state that three classes of reservists have already been mobilised in Japan while motor vehicles are being requisitioned.

Preparing Indo-China

A.R.I.P., the official Indo-China Government news agency, yesterday quoted Paris newspapers advising the French Government to "take precautions in view of the danger menacing Indo-China should the situation complicate further."

"IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A CRISIS INFINITELY VASTER THAN THE RECENT CRISIS IN THE NEAR EAST MAY ARISE IN THE FAR EAST AND IN VIEW OF THE MATERIAL IMPOSSIBILITY OF MILITARY MEASURES, DIPLOMATIC MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN, IN AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN, TO ASSURE INDO-CHINA'S SAFETY."

The report also confirms that the Japanese Ambassador to Vichy, Mr. Somatsu Kato, recently visited Admiral Darlan twice, and recalls that relations between Indo-China and Japan are determined by economic and political agreements which are in full force.

Publication of this item by the official Government news agency appears to indicate that the Indo-China public was being prepared for the imminent announcement of an agreement giving Japan new facilities in southern Indo-China.

Transports Moving South?

While Japan has been presenting demands for air and naval bases in southern Indo-China, Japanese warships and troops transports have been moving south, according to a statement by the Chief of the Intelligence Department of the Chinese Army at a Chungking press conference yesterday.

He stated that seven Japanese warships, three aircraft-carriers and 55 destroyers were sighted off Kluhsu, in southern Japan, on Tuesday steaming south.

Thirty transports, escorted by three warships, had also been steaming south from Canton.

Japan's Demands

The Japanese demands to Vichy include "the use of Camranh Bay as a naval base, the use of Saigon as an air base and the garrisoning of troops in southern Indo-China," according to the Chinese spokesman.

The spokesman said he was quoting from a cable from Vichy dated last Monday.

HE ADDED THE VICHY GOVERNMENT WAS AT PRESENT REFUSING THE JAPANESE DEMANDS.

Questioned about what action China would take in the event of a Japanese invasion of southern Indo-China, the spokesman stated China would take all necessary measures for her self-defence. —Reuter.

THAILAND POLICY

IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT TENSION IN THE FAR EAST, IN WHICH JAPANESE INTENTIONS REGARDING INDO-CHINA AND THAILAND ARE THE SUBJECT OF KEEN WORLDWIDE SPECULATION, SPECIAL IMPORTANCE ATTACHES TO THE LATEST PRO- NOUNCEMENT ON FOREIGN POLICY OF THE THAI PREMIER, LUANG PIBUL SONG-GRAM.

Bidding farewell to the official Thai delegation, proceeding to Battambang to take over Indo-China territory ceded under the Tokyo Treaty, the Premier strongly emphasised Thailand would continue to adhere to strict neutrality. —Reuter.

WYNDHAM STREET HOUSE ROBBED

Mr. K. Karindas, of No. 25, Wyndham Street, has informed the Police that between midnight and 7 a.m. yesterday, his house was entered and jade, precious stones, and 13 Mexican dollars, to the total value of \$870.25, stolen.

FRENCH SHIPPING FORBIDDEN TO LEAVE INDO-CHINA

According to travellers arriving in Singapore yesterday all French merchant shipping has been forbidden in the last four or five days to leave Indo-China harbours. They added no reason was given. —Reuter.

WARNING BY COL. KNOX

There is "no question" but that recent developments in the Far East, including the Japanese censorship, meant new military developments in that area, said Col. Frank Knox, U.S. Navy Secretary, at a press conference in Washington yesterday.

"I LOOK FOR MOVEMENT OUT THERE — AND VERY SOON," SAID COL. KNOX, BUT HE DECLINED TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE DIRECTION OF THE MOVE.

"None can tell at this point whether it will go north or south," he said.

In reply to a question Col. Knox said the United States Pacific Fleet was in a position to do whatever was necessary to carry out American policy in the Far East. —Reuter.

GILMAN'S COOLIE SENTENCED

Tam Kwun-chuk, 35, coolie, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry, this morning, with stealing three letters from Box No. 56, General Post Office, yesterday.

According to Mr. D. W. Fitches, accused was employed by Gilman's. The company had recently received complaints that people had sent in letters, enclosing 25 cents in stamps, for sample packets of "Curicomes," but had failed to get replies. A watch was therefore kept outside the Post Office. Accused was seen taking letters from the box on Tuesday, and he delivered some letters back to Gilman's. When accused was searched, three letters were found in his possession. Defendant had been with the company for eight years at a wage of \$33 per month.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed.

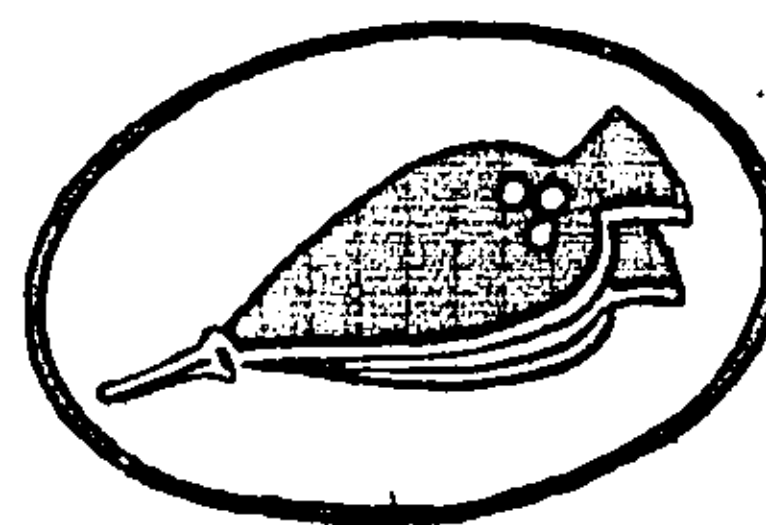


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1 Samson's Stove.

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BRIDGE NOTES

READING THE CARDS

By The Four Aces

When one defender starts with six spades and the other with only one spade, it is usually best to assume that the player with the six spades has any particular card of the suit. But South decided otherwise, and with good reason, in to-day's hand:

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH		EAST	
♠ A Q 6 3		♠ K 10 9 6	
♥ 7 5 4 3		♥ K Q 10 9	
♦ 6		♦ 3 2	
♣ A Q 8 4		♣ 9 7	

WEST		SOUTH	
♠ 10 9 8 5		♠ J 7	
♥ 4 2		♥ A Q J 8 2	
♦ J 8 5		♦ A 7 4	
♣ J 10 5 3		♣ K 6 2	

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♠ 2♦
2♥ Pass 2♠ Pass
2NT Pass 4♥ Pass
5♥ Pass 6♥ Pass

West opened the Jack of diamonds, and South won with the Ace. He then ruffed a low diamond in the dummy and returned a low trump. When East properly played the six of hearts, South finessed the Queen — and groaned when West discarded a spade.

Declarer realised that he was bound to lose a trump trick; and the slam therefore depended on discarding a spade on dummy's fourth club or on winning two spade tricks. So South picked up courage and went on with the play.

The first step was to ruff the other low diamond and finesse the Jack of hearts. Then South laid down the Ace of Trumps and began on the clubs. Unfortunately for South's peace of mind, however, East ruffed the third club and led a fourth round of diamonds. And now South knew that East had the blank King of spades!

South therefore ruffed the fourth diamond and led to the spade Ace. As expected, East dropped the King, allowing South to fulfill the slam contract.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 4	
♥ Q 7 5 3	
♦ K 8 3	
♣ Q 7 6 2	

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken You Male
1♠ Pass 1NT (7)

ANSWER: Bid one no-trump. This is practically a maximum holding for this weak response, but there is no other response which will convey a clearer picture of your hand.

Score 100% for one no-trump, 30% for two clubs, 20% for two hearts.

Question No. 776

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Male
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	(7)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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THE ART OF PROPAGANDA

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ends and their own begins. In this case they become uncertain and mistrusting, especially if their opponents do not produce the same nonsense but, instead, burden their enemy with all and the whole guilt. What is more easily explained than that finally one's own people believe more in the enemy's propaganda, which is carried through more completely and more uniformly, than in one's own?

(During the World War) for example, it was fundamentally wrong to paint the enemy in a ridiculous light, as the Austrian and German comic papers made a point of doing in their propaganda. It was wrong, because, when the enemy was actually met with in the flesh, our men were bound at once to receive an entirely different impression of him. This subsequently took its revenge in a most terrible manner. For the German soldier, under the direct impression of the enemy's resistance, now felt he had been deceived by the fabricators of his information up to that moment, and, instead of strengthening or at least confirming his fighting keenness, the contrary occurred. The men broke down.

On the other hand, the British and American war propaganda was psychologically correct. By displaying the German to their own people as a barbarian and a Hun, they prepared the individual soldier for the horrors of war and so helped guard him against disappointments. The most terrible weapon used against him was for him merely a confirmation of the information which he had received, and reinforced his faith in the truth of his government's assertions, while it heightened his rage against the villainous enemy.

The people, in an overwhelming majority, are so feminine in their nature and attitude that their activities and thoughts are motivated less by sober consideration than by feeling and sentiment.

This sentiment, however, is not complicated but very simple and consistent. It does not differentiate very much, but it is either a positive or negative: love or hate, right or wrong, truth or lie; but never half this and half that, or partially, etc.

No matter how skillfully propaganda is presented it will not lead to success unless a fundamental principal is considered with continually sharp attention: it has to confine itself to little and to repeat this eternally. Here, too, persistency, as in so many other things in this world, is the first and the most important condition for success.

Alteration of methods must never alter the essence of what propaganda is meant to achieve; in the end it always must say the same. Thus the slogan may be illuminated from various angles, but the end of every effort must always and again be the slogan itself. Only in this way can and will propaganda be consistently effective.

By propaganda, with clever and permanent application, even heaven can be palmed off on a people as hell and, the other way around, the most wretched life as Paradise.

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Fittings and letters were buried under tons of debris, while fire bombs showered on the roof, but the sorters, three of them injured, carried on.

One, named English, crawled over the debris with a hurricane lamp, salvaged as much correspondence as he could, and the sorting continued.

The men have received a message of appreciation from the Postmaster-General.

VICHY TO SUBSIDIZE FILMS

The French Government announced to-day a plan which virtually would subsidise the French motion picture industry in competition with foreign films.

The Government recently issued a decree banning the showing of any films which were exhibited in France before October, 1937, with the exception of a few of unusual merit or educational interest.

Both measures were undertaken to build up the French movie industry which has been hit by the war, particularly because of a shortage of raw film.

[Only a few French pictures have been made since the armistice and they have been laden with propaganda for the Vichy Government and its theories.

Most teachers in the occupied zone show German films dubbed in French. Few German films have gone to the unoccupied zone.

Several French cinema stars are in Hollywood, Calif., and others have expressed the hope they could go, saying that the industry was at least temporarily "flushed" in France.]

The new law authorised the State to advance up to 65 per cent. of the total cost of the projected film, the remainder to be assumed by the producer.

The statute increased state control of French film production, which was already under supervision since actors could play only if they had a Government identity card.

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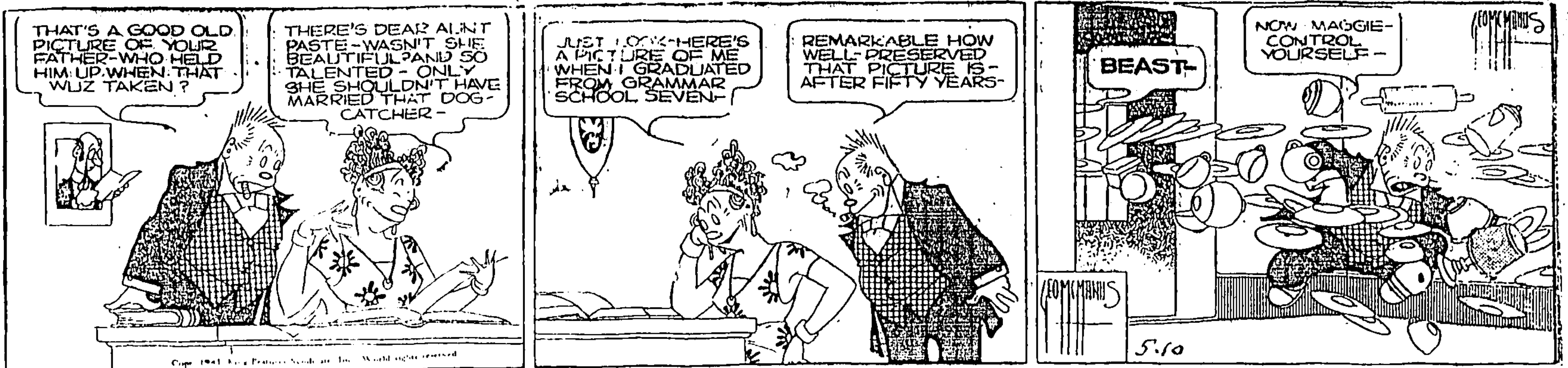
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Do Your Feet Ache?

Many things may cause your feet to ache—posture defects, walking on hard pavements, standing too long on your feet, overweight, ill-fitting shoes, a weakened spine or any one of a dozen diseases. Whatever the cause the remedy is usually corrective exercise, or treatment by a professional.

Miss Dorothy Nye, who has written a splendid book on exercise for the entire body, has originated a series of foot exercises which has brought relief to numerous women.

She suggests that these exercises be done with the weight off the feet, and she cautions one that foot reconstruction work is a long, tedious process. But perseverance will bring the results you yearn for—strong feet which give you no discomfort whatever.

Here is her first foot routine which adult or child may practice every day.

Exercise 1: Lying down, feet apart, extend the legs straight out, heels pushing hard, and rotate the toes inward, big toes touching. Relax and allow feet to fall back in place. Repeat five times. Relax again. Gradually work up to twenty times.

Exercise 2: Sitting up, legs stretched out from body, heels on floor, pull foot back from ankle joint as far as you can, at same time gripping toes under. Relax, then extend feet forward, toes leading, and grip with the toes. Relax and repeat both movements five times. Work up to twenty-five times.

Exercise 3: Sitting, place towel on floor with toes of both feet just over its edge and heels firmly on floor. With gripping movements of the toes, pull towel back. Continue to grip and relax until most of the towel is pulled back under the foot. Repeat four to five times.

Exercise 4: Walk with toes pointing in toward each other and toes pulled under as far as they will go (pigeon-toed fashion). Hold toes in this fashion and walk around fair-sized room. Shake first one foot then the other until all the muscles are completely relaxed.

Exercise 5: Sitting, loop towel under metatarsal arch or at ball of left foot. Extend left leg



Playing in the sand barefooted is splendid exercise for weak feet. Elise Knox takes advantage of summer play days.

straight out, heel leading, knee foot is rotated inward. Repeat five times with left foot, then with right foot. Ten to twenty times altogether.

Cool Drinks For Summer

Wash barley very well, taking care to remove all the starch. It is a good idea to rub it well with the hands in the water in which it is washed. Allow 1 tablespoon barley to each quart boiling water and boil rapidly for 20 minutes, adding a few slices of lemon during the boiling. Allow to cool, add fruit juices and sugar to taste. Chill thoroughly before serving.

Fruit Punch

Make some China tea and measure 1 pint. Strain into a basin into which you have measured ½ lb. sugar; stir until sugar is dissolved. Allow it to become quite cold. Place a block of ice in punch bowl and strain over the tea 1 pint orange juice and ½ pint lemon juice. Add 4 tablespoons maraschino, 2 pints ginger ale, 2 pints soda-water, and 1 pint lemonade. Decorate punch bowl with thin slices of orange and fresh sprigs of mint.

Orange Milk Shake

Mix together 3 cups orange juice, 2 cups grapefruit juice, 1 cup water in which ¼ cup castor sugar has been dissolved, a pinch salt and, if liked, a few drops almond essence. Lastly, add 1½

cups evaporated milk and 2 cups water. Place into a large jar and mix quite cold, then add the following. One cup orange juice, ½ cup lemon juice, ½ cup finely-chopped preserved ginger (optional), 1 bottle lemonade, and 2 pints soda-water. Serve very cold.

Ginger Punch

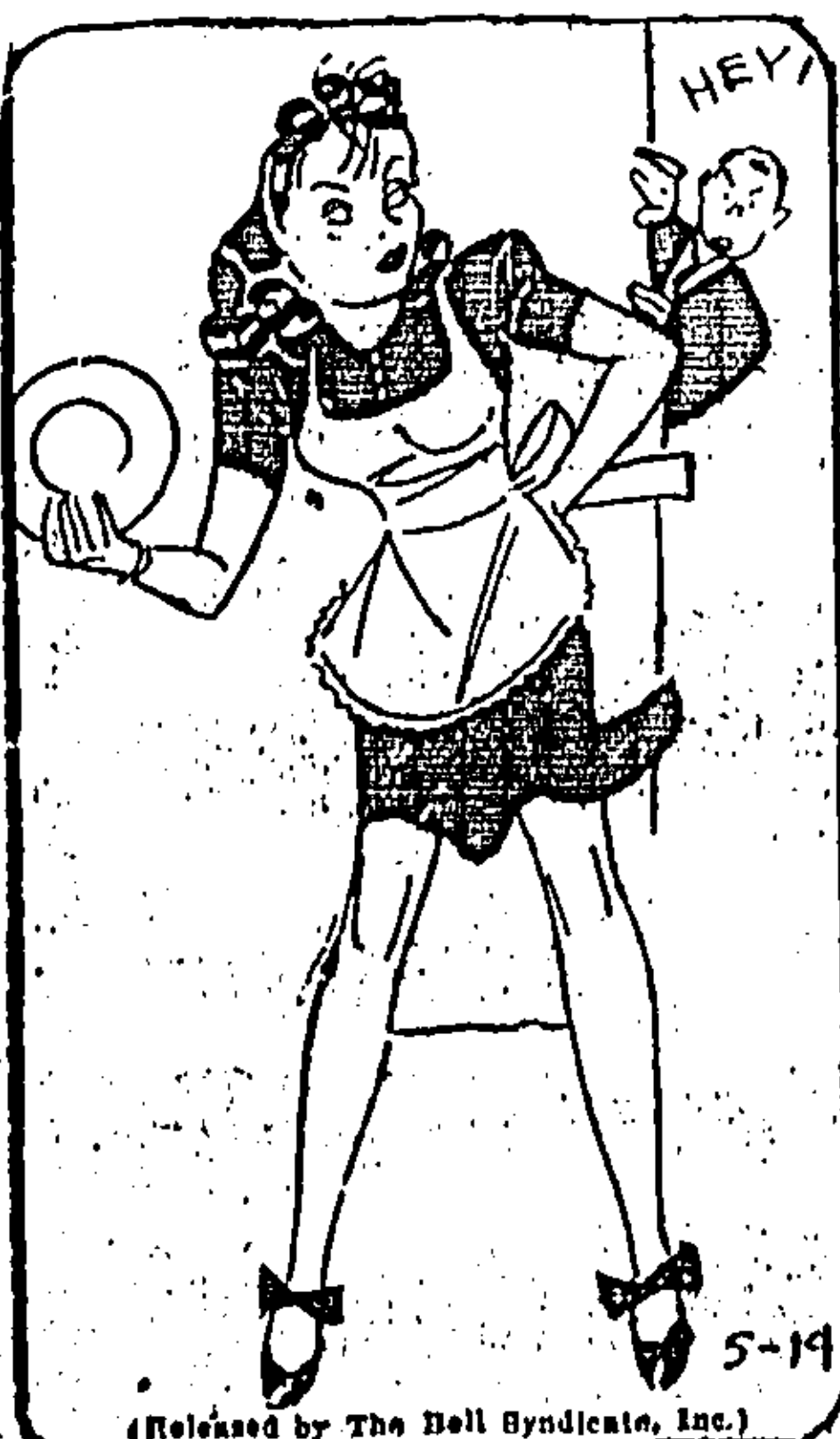
Boil for 20 minutes 1 quart water, 1 cup sugar, and ½ cup ginger syrup. Allow to become quite cold, then add the following. One cup orange juice, ½ cup lemon juice, ½ cup finely-chopped preserved ginger (optional), 1 bottle lemonade, and 2 pints soda-water. Serve very cold.

Grape Juice Punch

To each bottle grape juice add 4 tablespoons sugar, half cup lime juice, one pint bottle lemonade, and two pints soda-water. Pour contents over a large block ice, and serve thoroughly cold.

Pineapple Cup

Mix together 4 cups cold strained tea, the juice of 6 oranges and 6 lemons. Boil together 1 medium grated pineapple, 4 level cups sugar, 8 cups water for 20 minutes. Allow to cool, then add fruit juices, tea, etc. Pour over a block of ice and decorate with slices of fruit.



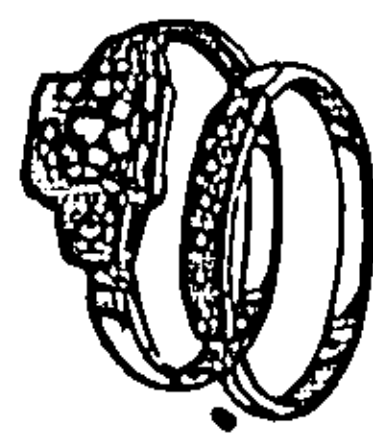
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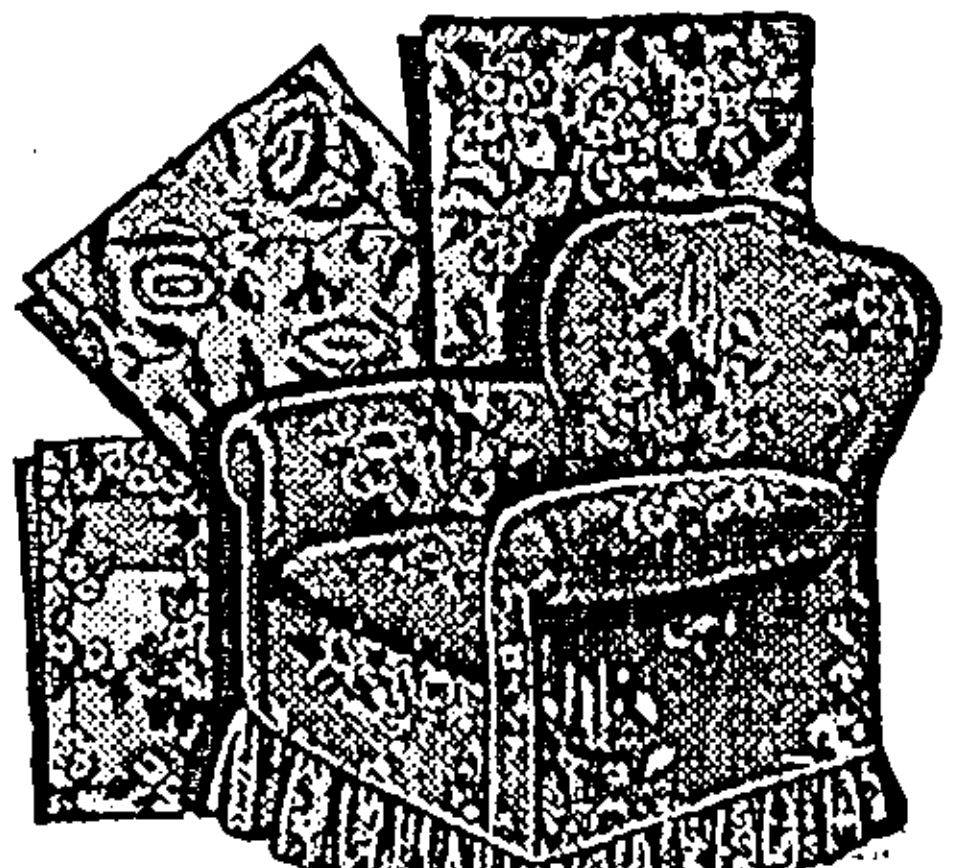
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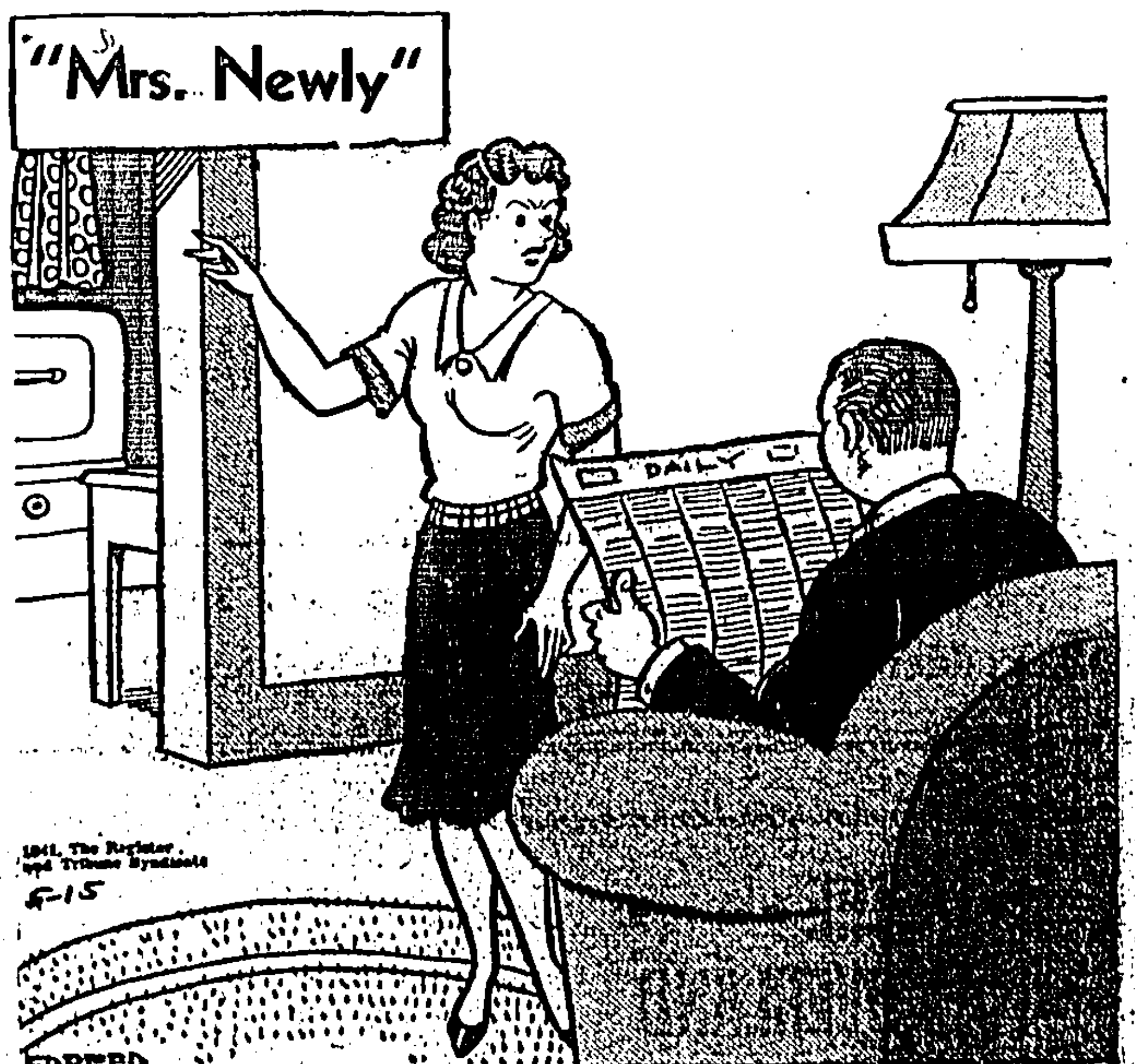
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RADIO6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Verdi's "Rigoletto" Act 1. Singers in order of appearance:—Dino Borgioli; Guido Uxa; Ida Mannarini; Riccardo Stracchini; Aristide Barracchi; Bullo Baronti; Eugenio Ballargine; Ernesto Dominici and Mercedes Casper; with Full Chorus of La Scala, Milan and the Milan Symphony Orchestra.

7.42 p.m.—Cello Solos.
Papillon (David Popper); Czardas (Adolphe Fischer); Rudolf Dietzmann with piano.
Kol Nidrei (Max Bruch—Op. 47).... Gaspar Casado with C. Raybould (Organ).
A La Guitare (A. Nock, Op. 18).... Adolphe Frezin with Fernand Goeyens (Piano).8.00 p.m.—London—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Variety with Jack Hulbert and Cicely Courtneidge.
Comedian—Tap Your Tootsies (from film "Jack Of All Trades"—Sigler, Goodhart & Hoffman); Celebratin' (from film "Limelight"—Woods).... Jack Hulbert.
Selection—"Crazy Days" (Eyton, Carter & Mayer)—Intro: Swing Clean; Spring; Love Was Born; Nice People; Stranger In A Cup of Tea; When A Fat Man Passes by; You're Not Too Bad Yourself; Do The Shaftesbury Theatre Orch., London.

Duet—"Birdie Out Of A Cage" (from film "Take My Tip"); I Was Anything But Sentimental (from film "Take My Tip"—Lerner, Goodhart & Hoffman).... Cicely Courtneidge & Jack Hulbert.

Piano—"On Your Toes" Medley (Hart & Rodgers)—Intro: There's A Small Hotel; It's Got To Be Love.... Vivian Ellis.

Comedienne—The Wind's In The West; My Wild Cat (both from film "Aunt Sally"—Woods).... Cicely Courtneidge.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—Negro Spirituals.
No Hidin' Place (Traditional Arr. Sam Manning); Help Me Fly Over The Jordan (Traditional).... Sam Manning's West Indian Rhythm Boys.Run, Mary, Run (Negro Spiritual, Arr. Gulon).... Edna Thomas (Soprano) with piano.
9.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

9.30 p.m.—The Hungarian Gypsy Band. Hungarian Gypsy Party (Csardas Selection); The Magic Of The Hungarian Puszta; Play Gypsy (Kalmán); Blue Forget-Me-Not (Banffy); I'll Give You Away To God (Dr. Sandor Jenő).

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Terence Casey at the Organ. Fifty Years of Song—Intro: Soldier's Of The King; Where Did You Get That Hat; Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay; After The Ball Is Over; Lily Of Laguna; In The Shade Of The Old Apple Tree; I Love A Lassie; Let's All Go Down The Strand; You Made Me Love You; A Broken Doll; Swanee; Ramona; Love Is The Sweetest Thing.In A Bird Store (Lake)
10.00 p.m.—London—The News & News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.Fox-Trots—Oh, Mama Mia (Look At The Moon); Indian Summer.... Gerald & The Savoy Hotel Orch.
Fox-Trots—Rainbow Valley; Let The Curtain Come Down.... Jack Payne & His Band.

Swing Fox-Trots—Easy To Get; I've Found A New Baby.... Bud Freeman & His Summa Cum Laude Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot—I Forgot The Little Things; Quick-Step—I Wanna Wrap You Up.... Joe Loss & His Band.

Tangos—Love Letter; Letter of Farewell.... Oskar Joost Tango Orch.
Fox-Trots—When I Dream Of Home; Don't You Ever Cry.... Ambrose & His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—I'll Remember; Waltz—Lonely Sweetheart.... Victor Slivester & His Ballroom Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—London—"War Correspondents". Talk by an American Journalist.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

**RECOGNITION OF
CZECH GOVT.**

Recognition by the British of the Czechoslovakian Government was announced in the Commons yesterday when Mr. Eden stated he had been glad to inform the Czechoslovakian Foreign Minister on July 18 of this decision.

Mr. Eden added that his Majesty had decided to accredit an envoy, extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the President of the Czechoslovak Republic.

British Wireless.

**TOUR OF DEFENCE
INDUSTRIES**

A mission representing both the management and labour side of British industries is visiting America to make a tour of defence industries.

This was stated in the Commons yesterday by the Lord Privy Seal, who added that the question of a reciprocal visit from America was under active consideration.

British Wireless.

**German
Call-Up
For Army**

The invasion of Russia has greatly increased Germany's labour difficulties, according to a statement by the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London last night.

Since the beginning of the year the Nazis have been faced by a growing shortage of workers, and industrial workers from all over the Continent are being sucked into the vacuum created by the intensified call-up in Germany.

A considerable new call-up for the army began in January and continued until March.

Even the more specialised workers from armament factories were mobilised and only a few key men of military age remain in agriculture, which has been left mainly to old men, women and children, foreign labourers and prisoners of war.

There are about 380,000 in building industries and these, it was stated, are mainly engaged in repairing what the R.A.F. knocks down because foreign workers are always placed in the most dangerous spots.—Reuter.

Guiding Factor

Germany's solution of her undoubted labour difficulties stands or falls by the outcome of the war with Russia.

As Germany intensifies the exploitation of occupied countries, labour shortages will begin to appear there too. Already the building of defence works for the Germans has led to a shortage of agricultural labour in western Europe.

These shortages will put a further strain on German administrative personnel already severely overworked.

If the Russian army could be quickly destroyed the lack of manpower would not hamper Germany's war effort so much as in the past. If not, it will provide increasing difficulties for the German High Command.

Enormous Effort

In several directions Germany is making an enormous effort to overcome labour difficulties. It is revealed, for instance, that foreign labour employed has reached a figure over 1,800,000 including over 300,000 Italians.

Prisoners of war employed, according to figures given during the Spring of 1941 (since increased), numbered about 1,300,000 of which about one million were Poles.

German women have been mobilised almost to the limit latest figures showing at least 8,400,000 are employed.

The count out of workers in more essential industries for transfer to war industries and from the latter to the armed forces has proceeded apace. Nevertheless, in view of her

**PROUD
SHARE OF
INDIA**

"ON BEHALF OF THE ARMY COUNCIL I WISH TO EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION OF THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE INDIAN TROOPS TO THE SUCCESS OF THE OPERATIONS IN SYRIA," SAYS CAPTAIN MARGESSON, SECRETARY FOR WAR, IN A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE VICEROY OF INDIA YESTERDAY.

Capt. Margesson added that the supreme effort of the Indian brigade at Damascus was, in co-operation with the Free French, decisive in the capture of that city while the speed and dash shown by the column advancing from Iraq into north-eastern Syria were powerful factors in bringing the campaign to an early conclusion.

The Viceroy replied: "Your message of appreciation is deeply valued in India. We are all proud of the share the Indian troops had in the Syrian operations and count it a privilege that units of the Indian Army were able to play a worthy part."—Reuter.

**DUKE'S
VISIT TO
CANADA**

THE DOMINIONS OFFICE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED LAST EVENING THAT WITH THE KING'S APPROVAL THE DUKE OF KENT WILL SHORTLY BE PROCEEDING TO CANADA FOR A BRIEF VISIT.

The Duke is greatly interested in the Commonwealth air training plan and is desirous of seeing for himself some of the air training establishments where pilots and air crews are being trained.

The proposal has been warmly welcomed by the Canadian Government and the Royal Canadian Air Force.—Reuter.

NEW D.A.M.S.

The War Office announces that Colonel A. Hood has been selected to succeed Lieutenant-General Sir W. P. MacArthur, Honorary Physician to the King, as Director of the Army Medical Services when the latter retires on August 1 next.—British Wireless.

TOBRUK SORTIE

When British and Imperial troops made a raid from Tobruk on the night of 17/18th July they killed 50 of the enemy and wounded another 100. The raiders' casualties were negligible.—British Wireless.

huge and still increasing military expansion, Germany's labour problem still faces her in serious form.

It may, well be that in the attack on Russia she hoped to find a solution. By Russia's resolute and continued resistance this solution is deferred.—British Wireless.

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MEANING OF BLACK-OUT REGULATIONS FOR SHIPS QUESTIONED

DOUBT AS TO THE precise requirements of regulations governing restricted lighting on ships working cargo in the recent black-out exercise was admitted in the Marine Court this morning.

This was brought out in the course of evidence before Commander C. T. Stiff when three Europeans, Captain R. Ball, master of the s.s. Bronxville, Captain G. H. M. Vanderliet, master of the s.s. Straat Malacca, and Captain J. Jensen, master of the s.s. Tarn, were charged with failing to reduce the lighting on their vessels to a satisfactory degree during the black-out exercise.

The Deputy Director of A.R.P., Mr. B. H. Puckle, and Mr. M. L. Bevan, A.R.P. Training Officer, testified against Captain Ball, who was represented by Mr. F. G. Nigel. Mr. Puckle said that he saw reflected lights which on observation duty in the air. The lights were reflected from the deck and the water.

Questioned by Mr. Nigel, Mr. Puckle said he was aware of the wording of the regulations contained in the Mariners' Notice in regard to the black-out exercise which was to the effect that restricted lighting for the safe working of cargo on ships was permitted.

The Deputy Director agreed that he was not in a position to say what amount of lighting was consistent with the safe working of cargo.

"Brilliant Light"

Mr. M. L. Bevan testified that while on duty at Magazine Gap he saw a brilliant light on a ship near the Vehicular Ferry. He was aware of the regulations contained in the Mariners' Notice. He was in the same position as the Deputy Director in regard to judging what amount of lighting was necessary for safe working.

Mr. Bevan, however, added that from information received from the Police, he was of the opinion that the amount of lighting on the ship was more than necessary for unloading and loading cargo.

Mr. Nigel pointed out that this was not evidence and asked for an adjournment to this afternoon. This was granted.

Case Dismissed

Submitting that the Crown had completely failed to make out a case against his client, Mr. H. J. Armstrong secured dismissal of the case against Captain G. H. M. Vanderliet. Mr. Armstrong pointed out that the European Sergeant admitted he was not aware of the regulations governing restricted lighting on ships working cargo, and also that he was not in a position to say how much light was necessary to work the cargo. Mr. Puckle also, stated Mr. Armstrong, could only express his personal opinion that the lights were more than necessary. In testifying against Captain J. Jensen, a European Police Reservist admitted that he had no

knowledge of the regulation in the Mariners' Notice. He was instructed by a superior officer at the Water Police Station to visit the ship and to summon the master. Beside lights over hatches, lights out of some of the port-holes reflected.

Captain Jensen said that his instructions to screen all external lights on the ship were properly carried out. He was not aware of lights reflecting on the wharf from port-holes.

Remarking that he must then accept the Police Reservist's evidence, Commander Stiff convicted and cautioned defendant.

BRIBERY CHARGE AGAINST JUNIOR I.O. ASSISTANT

THAT ACCUSED, Cheung Fuk-chau, a Junior Immigration assistant stationed at Shautaukok, on July 2, accepted a bribe of \$5 from an immigrant with a view to influencing his conduct as a public servant, and dashed across the border when being taken to Taipo for enquiries, only to be returned and arrested, was stated by Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel at the Criminal sessions this morning.

The case was heard before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, and the jury was composed of Messrs. A. E. L. Burgoyne, C. Brown, C. M. Victor, Fung Wai-sun, E. W. Lee, Ho Hong-kuen and Tran Tharch-ding.

Accused, who pleaded not guilty, was not legally represented.

Mr. Williams said that accused's duty was to examine the entry permits of persons from Chinese Territory at the pier. Persons with permits were allowed to pass and those without permits were asked for \$25 deposit. If they had money they were taken to a senior officer. It was not accused's duty to handle any money but he was entitled not to allow anyone to pass who had no permit nor the necessary money.

At 4.30 p.m. on July 2, Chan Shun was one of a party of passengers who landed at the pier. Accused asked Chan Shun for his entry permit and was told he had none. Accused then asked if he had the necessary deposit. Chan replied that he had not and asked whether \$5 would do. Accused said it would and took the \$5 and let Chan pass.

Mr. Williams said this \$5 was a bribe to allow Chan Shun to land.

Stopped At Other End

When Chan Shun arrived at the other end of the pier he was questioned by another Immigration Assistant who asked for his permit. Chan said he had none and was told to stand aside. Questioned, Chan said he had given accused \$5 to be let through. This Immigration assistant, Kan Tung-wing, then went along the pier and asked accused if he had let the man through. As they were speaking, accused tried to force the \$5 into Kan's hip pocket but the latter took the money and returned it to accused. The party then went the office and the matter was reported to a senior officer. In the office, accused handed the money to Chan, but when he heard Chan asked to sign the note, he snatched it and ran into the kitchen. He was followed by other officers and brought back. The note was taken from him and Chan Shun signed it.

Later in the evening Mr. Tong Chung-kwan, senior Chinese officer, decided that the matter should be reported to Mr. A. J. G. Taylor, the Immigration Officer at Taipo. The party was about to board a lorry when accused broke away and ran to Chinese territory. Two days later he was returned by the Japanese.

Evidence was given by Chan Shun, Kan Tung-wing and Pang Su-tim this morning. Case is proceeding.

ABERDEEN - ANGUS CATTLE BREAK SALES RECORDS

A thoroughbred Aberdeen-Angus bull was auctioned in Pleasant Plains recently for \$15,000 breaking a 20-year-old price record on the books of the Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Association.

The Bull, Eileenmere 260 was sold by J. Garrett Tolan of Pleasant Plains to Col. A. E. Pierre of Canterbury Farms, Warrenton, Va. Mr. Tolan's cattle broke another 20-year record on May 26, the Association said, when 39 head of thoroughbred Aberdeen-Angus were auctioned for an average of \$984.

BIBLE IN BASIC ENGLISH

The recently published "New Testament in 1,000 words" is the first instalment of the Bible in Basic English planned by the Cambridge University Press.

This marks an important advance in this system of simplified English worked out by Mr. C. K. Ogden, in which some 850 words serve the same purpose as the half-million normally employed in speaking and writing English. Mr. Ogden's system is claimed to be the coming "universal language" since English is so widely spoken and is the only tongue in which a few hundred of its words can form a complete language.

Nearly a quarter of the people of the world know some English so that this tongue has a flying start for an international language.

In addition to the 850 fundamental words, 50 special "Bible words" and about 100 words listed in Basic English as giving most help in reading verse, have been employed in the Basic New Testament, so the total number used is around 1,000.

This has made for unusual clarity of thought in some passages although familiar cadences often differ considerably from the Authorised Version of the Bible. Many persons have thought it impossible to compass the Bible within the few words used in Basic English, but the publication of the new volume contradicts this belief. The Basic English New Testament is a new translation from the original Hebrew and Greek, not an adaptation from the Authorised Version.

BEES STUNG 'EM?

Fighting Abyssinians, in order to gain weapons, prepared a plague of bees, which they turned loose among Italian camps in the recent successfully concluded campaign.

While the Italians, stung by the bees, were rushing about the Abyssinians dashed in and secured some of their arms.

Miss Sylvia Pankhurst said this at a meeting in London at which friends of Haile Selassie celebrated his return to his capital and the victories of Ethiopia.

SEVEN ENTRIES FOR "CHI YIN YAT PO" CUP

The hockey tournament on roller skates, under the auspices of "Chi Yin Yat Po," has attracted seven entries.

They are: Blitz Skating Team (5/7 A.A. Regiment), Panthers (China Skating Rink), King's Skating Rink, Empress Skating Rink, Cyclone Sports Club and Kowloon Skating Rink "A" and "B" teams.

The Tournament is expected to commence this coming Saturday.

FRIENDLY BOWLS

Civil Service Cricket Club beat Lane-ford in a friendly Lawn Bowls match at the Valley yesterday by 37 shots. W. McLeod, W. Gardiner, J. Gellatly and H. E. Strange (s) (C.S.C.C.) beat E. J. Prata, T. Edgar, G. Tanner and E. C. Fincher (s) 24-12.

W. Colledge, J. Hempsy, M. E. Purvis and E. W. C. Simmonds (s) (C.S.C.C.) beat E. F. S. Baker, J. Lodge, W. C. Ogley and H. W. Randall (s) 20-17.

P. Crawley, J. Carr, S. Ecclestone and W. J. Burling (s) (C.S.C.C.) beat H. Bonner, F. Hall, S. Carr and A. B. Hamsom (s) 31-10.

CAFE FOOD RAID CHARGE

An alleged raid on an Oxford Street restaurant by five men and the theft of 25lb. of tea, 40lb. of sugar, 69lb. of margarine, 13lb. of mutton, 32lb. of veal, and a bottle of gin was described at the Marlborough Street Police Court, the other day, when Andrew Flynn, a former porter at the restaurant, living at Lambeth Road, was committed for trial.

In a statement to a detective he is alleged to have said he concealed himself on the roof until everyone had gone and then went downstairs, forced a window, helped himself to a gin and lemonade and awaited the arrival of four other men whom he had arranged to let into the restaurant. They found a black saloon car off Oxford Street, drove to the back entrance of the restaurant and eventually drove away with tea, meat, butter and a bottle of gin. The next day he received £5 as his share.

ORANGES & ONIONS—HER PICK

Oranges and onions were among the articles which Dorothy Madeline Evans (32), shop assistant, of Harrow Road, employed at Messrs. Whiteleys, packed for herself at her firm's expense.

At the Marylebone Police Court she pleaded "Guilty" to stealing the oranges and onions, cucumbers, turnips, lettuce, six bundles of rhubarb, radishes, and 10lb. of potatoes to the value of £1 0s. 1d., and was remanded. A detective said that the size of the parcel she had packed for herself aroused suspicion.

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500 Providents @ \$5.00

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20 Electric Rts @ \$11.15

500 Watsons @ \$10½

ORGANISED BASEBALL TO-DAY FACES A PROBLEM POTENTIALLY FAR MORE SERIOUS THAN CONSCRIPTION — THE POSSIBILITY GROWING DEFENCE NEEDS FOR POWER MIGHT DIM OR EVEN BLACK-OUT THE HUNDREDS OF NIGHT BASEBALL PARKS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Any plan to curtail night baseball will be a financial blow to the big leagues as well as to many minor circuits where nocturnal games are played.

It was the pioneering spirit of Larry McPhail, then general manager of the Reds and now a resident of the Brooklyn Dodgers, which gave baseball its biggest innovation since Abner Doubleday invented the game more than 100 years ago.

Two of the biggest turnouts of 1940 were night games—59,069 in Cleveland on August 4 and 43,897 at the Polo Grounds in New York on August 7.

Johnny Vander Meer of the Reds achieved baseball immortality in 1938 when he hurled the first of his two successive no-hit games during the

Big league clubs playing the game under the arc lights are: Brooklyn Dodgers, Cincinnati Reds, Pittsburgh Pirates, New York Giants, St. Louis Cardinals and Philadelphia Phillies in the National League, and Cleveland Indians, Chicago White Sox, St. Louis Browns, Philadelphia Athletics and Washington Senators in the American League.

The dates of these bouts will be announced shortly.--Reuter.

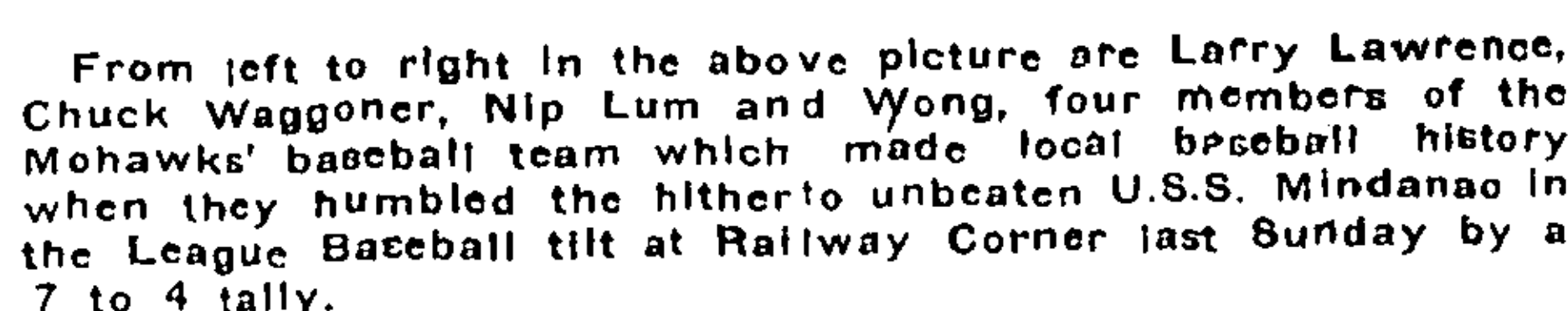
Mello Bettina, former world light-heavyweight champion, out-pointed Clarence Burman, protégé of Jack Dempsey, over 10 rounds in New York yesterday. A crowd of 10,000 saw Bettina score a comfortable victory. — Reuter.

The fixtures committee of Hong Kong Football Association, comprising Capt. R. E. Guest and Messrs. J. Skinner and T. G. Stokes, meet this afternoon in the Association's offices at 5.15 p.m. to draw the first games of the season. Club secretaries may attend if they desire.

The measure gave the champions the all-important shot.
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It is probable that some of the remaining postponed games will also be played to-day.

In the First Round of the handicap singles of the Kowloon Cricket Club Lawn Bowls competition N. D. Lloyd (1) beat A. W. Smith (2). In the Third Round of the Club championship A. E. Perry beat H. Brokenshire.



A. L. Powell (18) won Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's Summer Singles competition when he met and beat J. J. van Muihlen (15) 4 and 2 in the Final.

Musketeer, a 1939 China pony subscription griffin, which was bought by Mr. P. P. Botelho at the recent roup, was destroyed at the Jockey Club stables this morning.

This pony had won a number of races and had collected \$5,975 in stakes money. It was second to Galveston Bay in the Fatshan Handicap in the 8th race of the Second Extra Meeting on March 29, last, with Mr. Hoo Pak-min up.

Mr. C. Walker, manager of the Stables, said the pony had been lame for some time and it was decided to destroy it this morning.

Harbin Tennis Club has been notified by the Municipality that after July 31 its site will be required for municipal improvement.

This is sad news for foreign tennis players, who for some 30 years past have had the use of this piece of land on payment of a small annual rent to the local authorities. However, arrangements have now been made to amalgamate with the Harbin Club, which owns a suitable piece of ground.

Removal of the Tennis Club to its new site will cost a considerable amount of money, but the Harbin Municipality has generously promised to pay 9,000 yuan towards these expenses.—Reuter.

K. M. Omar, Craigengower Lawn Bowler, is in hospital suffering from dysentery and is unlikely to be playing this week-end.

C. S. Rosselet, Craigengower First Division skip, sustained an eye injury during the black-out and may not be playing on Saturday.

American tennis champion, Don McNeill was, among the Second Round winners at the Seabright (New Jersey) tournament yesterday. Bobby Riggs, former American and Wimbledon champion, and Frank Parker, Davis Cup player, also survived. Frankie Shields lost 5-7, 3-6 to William Crosby and Gene Mako lost 2-6, 3-6 to Seymour Greenberg. —Reuter.

Asked if there was any truth in the rumour about their wanting to go back to the fold again, Mr. Dhun Ruttonjee, sponsor of H.B. Club, said, "Certainly we will withdraw our resignation if they will let us play off our fixture with Mindanao, but unless that happens we will not be returning to the League."

"I AM RATHER DOUBTFUL ABOUT THE COMPOSITION OF OUR TEAM THIS YEAR FOR ONE OR TWO OF THE BOYS WHO PROMISED TO COME OVER, BELIEVING THAT OUR APPLICATION FOR AD-MISSION INTO SECOND DIVI-SION WOULD BE GRANTED, ARE RATHER UPSET THAT WE CAN PLAY ONLY IN THIRD DIVISION," SAID MR. F. HALL, TEAM MANAGER OF LANE-FORD FOOTBALL TEAM, WHO HAVE JUST BEEN GRANTED AFFILIATION TO HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Hall said it was a big disappointment to all connected with the club that they could not secure entry into Second Division, but they would strive their utmost to gain promotion next year.

Two of Hong Kong Football Club's Second Division players of last year, C. J. Lodge and C. Carr, will be donning Laneford colours this season, while Leung Ping-kwan, who played for South China Athletic Association in the same division in the 1940-41 season, will also be turning out for them.

Leung's two brothers, Ping-pui and Ping-sang, who played occasionally for South China last season, will also be included in the Laneford team.

"And that," said Mr. Hall, "is about as much as I can tell you for the moment. I am still talking to the boys who promised to come over originally; but who are now doubtful starters. I am hoping that all will turn out well."

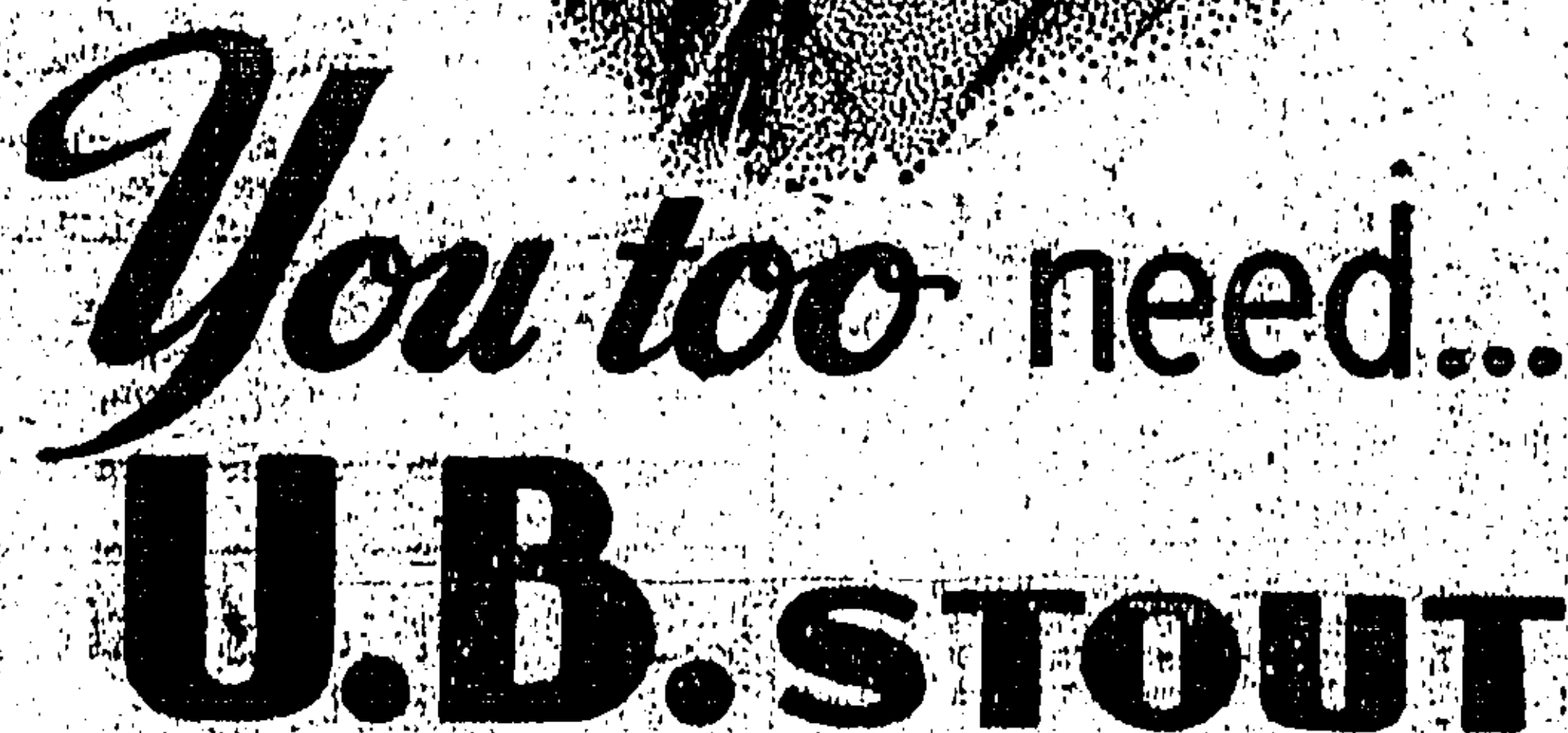
Mr. Hall said that their greatest worry at the moment was trying to get a ground. Last year, he said, they were given permission to practice on the Navy ground at Caroline Hill.

Following are the officials of the

Club:
President:—Mr. P. H. Suckling.
Vice-President:—Mr. A. W. Brown.
Hon. Secretary:—Mr. F. Hall.
Hon. Secretary:—Mr. A. B. Hanson.
Committee members:—Messrs. Leung
Po-shan, Lo Kwan-wai, W. C. Ogley,
E. C. Fincher, H. Burson and Mrs.
E. O. Murphy.

B. T. Gosano, Recreto cricketer and softball player and well-known soccer player, is at present in Carossa Hospital suffering from eye trouble. He expects to be out in a few days.

The annual general meeting of Hong Kong Rifle Association will be held in the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel, to-day at 5.30 p.m. The election of a Council, President, Vice-Presidents, Auditor, Legal Adviser, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer are items on the agenda.



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Recreio Tennis Success

Four of the five games in Third Division of the Tennis League were played yesterday and, with the exception of the Chinese Recreation Club (1) v. Club de Recreio game, which the latter won by the odd set, the other games were one-sided.

The game between South China, present leaders, and Kowloon Cricket Club was postponed.

C.R.C. (2) Win

At Sookunpoo, Indian Recreation Club lost to Chinese Recreation Club (2) by 9 sets to nil.

A. Rahmin and I. Kitchell (I.R.C.) lost to F. K. Lau and P. F. Wong 0-6
lost to C. W. Chu and L. F. Hon 1-6
lost to Y. Y. Lam and T. W. Lau 2-6
M. P. Madar and A. R. H. Esmail (I.R.C.)
lost to Lau and Wong 1-9
lost to Chu and Hon 2-6
lost to Lam and Lau 1-6
M. Hassan and M. A. Wahab (I.R.C.)
lost to Lau and Wong 3-6
lost to Chu and Hon 0-6
lost to Lam and Lau 2-6

Army Well Up

At Pokfulam, University Tennis Club lost to Army Tennis Club by 2 sets to 7.

K. Y. Tam and P. K. Hooi (H.K.U.T.C.)
lost to Murray and Megson 3-6
lost to Gibbs and Denyer 2-6
lost to Duffield and Emberson 2-6
T. Liu and K. Lo (H.K.U.T.C.)
lost to Murray and Megson 2-6
beat Gibbs and Denyer 6-4
lost to Duffield and Emberson 1-6
S. L. Yong and C. K. Cheah (H.K.U.T.C.)
beat Murray and Megson 6-4
lost to Gibbs and Denyer 5-7
lost to Duffield and Emberson 4-6

Big C.C.C. Win

At Happy Valley, Craigengower Cricket Club beat Kowloon Tong Garden City Association by 8 sets to 1.

W. J. Howard and K. L. Woo (C.C.C.)
beat L. Chen and A. H. Basto 6-1
lost to S. Hsu and D. Chen 3-6
beat D. Kwok and E. Penn 6-3
H. K. Lee and J. W. Leonard (C.C.C.)
beat Chen and Basto 6-0
beat Hsu and Chen 6-2
beat Kwok and Penn 6-2
P. C. Yu and M. C. Hung (C.C.C.)
beat Chen and Basto 6-2
beat Hsu and Chen 6-3
beat Kwok and Penn 6-1

Recreio Succeed

Chinese Recreation Club (1) lost to Club de Recreio by 4 sets to 5 at Causeway Bay yesterday.

C. Wei and H. Chung (C.R.C.)
lost to F. J. Remedios and J. C. Fonseca 1-5
beat H. A. Noronha and P. A. Yvanovich 6-0
beat R. A. Marques and A. J. Noronha 6-0
H. N. Chau and P. H. Chiu (C.R.C.)
beat Remedios and Fonseca 7-5
lost to Noronha and Yvanovich 3-6
lost to Marques and Noronha 4-6
S. Y. Tong and C. K. Li (C.R.C.)
lost to Remedios and Fonseca 0-6
beat Noronha and Yvanovich 7-5
lost to Marques and Noronha 3-6

Table To Date

	Sets	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	4	4	0	0	33½	11½	8	
A.T.C.	5	4	1	0	32½	12½	8	
Recreio	5	4	1	0	31	14	8	
C.R.C. (2)	3	3	0	22	5	6		
C.C.C.	5	3	2	0	26½	18½	6	
C.R.C. (1)	4	2	2	0	17½	18½	4	
K.I.T.C.	5	2	3	0	25	20	4	
K.C.C.	5	2	3	0	13	32	4	
H.K.U.T.C.	5	1	4	0	16½	28½	2	
K.T.G.C.A.	5	1	4	0	15½	29½	2	
I.R.C.	6	0	6	0	9	45	0	

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some of the teams:

C.B.A. v. A.T.C.
I.R.C. v. P.O.R.C. (1)
K.I.T.C. v. J.R.C.
C.R.C. v. F.C.
P.O.R.C. (2) v. S.C.A.A.
I.R.C. v. M. H. Hassan and G. Singh;
M. S. Hussain and M. I. Razack; A. J. Sufiad and U. A. Rumiann.
S.C.A.A. v. K. T. Wong and K. I. Sit;
H. K. Ho and C. L. Lau; C. T. Yip and H. H. Mok.
C.R.C. v. C. M. Wong and A. Lul; C. N. Tsang and T. F. Choy; M. C. Lau and C. T. Tso.
C.B.A. v. B. I. Bickford and D. T. Smith; D. Tomashevsky and G. Gurevitch; M. Bull and D. Parsons.
F.C. v. B. Poon and P. Poon; F. Gonzalez and W. Lee; T. S. Hau and L. F. Souza.
K.I.T.C. v. K. S. Mehal and Y. J. Khan; U. H. Esmail and A. H. Mehal; K. Singh and N. S. Singh.
J.R.C. v. S. H. Ramler and B. Godkin; A. R. Pollak and M. Talan; E. Whitgob and A. Odell.

LAWN BOWLS CHANGES FOR SATURDAY

Hong Kong Football Club are making a few changes in their Second Division Lawn Bowls team for their match against Recreio this week. Thomson, who was No. 3 to Macfarlane last week, will be No. 2 to Gill this time, replacing Howell, the latter not being available for this game. Thomson's place in Macfarlane's rink will be filled by Needham, who returns to the team after being an absentee last week.

One change is noted in Robertson's rink. In the No. 2 position, with C. B. Robertson taking the place of H. V. Pearce. Robertson was No. 3 to Graver in Third Division last week, and Pearce will not be playing on Saturday.

Two of the Third Division rinks, led by Mansell and Ralston respectively, will remain intact. Graver, however, will have a new No. 2 in Flippane, who takes over the job from J. M. Thomson, a non-starter this time, while the place of the promoted C. B. Robertson at No. 3 will be taken by Gratton.

Civil Service Changes

Civil Service Cricket Club are again making a change in one of the skips' positions for their First Division match with Kowloon B.C.C. "A" at the Valley this week-end.

Simmonds, who was No. 3 to Deakin last week, changes positions with the

latter, while Seddon comes into the side as No. 2 in place of Carr, who is an absentee. With the exception of the fact that McKay, who did not play last week, returns to the side as No. 1 to take the place filled by Harper last week, there are no changes in Rakusen's four. In McGowan's rink Purvis is No. 3 instead of Burling, who will not be playing this week.

Paul Skips Again

Electric Recreation Club are changing their rinks about considerably for their Third Division match with Hong Kong Football Club this week-end.

Lunny, who had Tarbuck, Everett and Barron as his front men last week, will this time be leading Owens, Gahagan and Butler. Last week Gahagan was No. 2 to de Rome.

While he retains Gardner as his No. 3, Lunny will have two new players in Macfarlane and Gregory respectively. Groomer was his lead last Saturday.

Paul returns to the side as skip and his No. 3 will be Sloan, who had a rink comprising Baker, Stonehouse and Paul last week. Tarbuck will be No. 1 and Groomer No. 2.

Taikoo Line-Up

As was the case with some other clubs, Taikoo were affected to such an extent by Volunteer duties last week

that they could not field a team. Their last match was on July 12, when they lost on all rinks to K.F.C., and the team for this week-end has been considerably changed from the one that represented them then.

Chalmers comes into one of the skip positions in place of Stinton, who is not available this Saturday. His front men will be the same as those for Stinton with the exception that Thomson plays No. 2 instead of Eovard, who goes to No. 3 for Watson in place of Cunningham, who is not playing this week.

MacArthur, lead for Watson the last time, will also be unavailable and his place will be taken by Gibson, No. 2 in Melrose's rink on July 12. Pollock comes in as No. 2 to Melrose to complete the team.

TAIKOO CLUB

Second Division (v Kowloon Cricket Club, Away):—J. Nimmo, F. Thomson, F. Hillon and J. C. Chalmers (Skip); W. McKie, S. J. Pollock, R. Main and W. Melrose (Skip); L. A. Gibson, D. Coull, C. Bovard and J. A. Watson (Skip).

Selected Teams

Following are the selected teams:

HONG KONG F.C.

Second Division (v Recreio, Away):—A. B. Coleman, J. D. Thomson, J. A. R. Selby and W. Gill (skip); A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, C. Needham and W.

Macfarlane (skip); R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brooksbank and K. S. Robertson (skip). Reserves: C. Carr and A. McAlpine.

Third Division (v Electric R.C., home):—T. H. Pearce, B. I. Bickford, G. E. Stephens and B. A. Mansell (skip); K. Forrow, J. M. Thomson, A. G. Gratton and G. S. Graver (skip); A. Bailey, J. Russell, S. Strange and J. Ralston (skip).

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

First Division (v Kowloon B.C.C. "A", home):—J. Gellatly, T. Seddon, J. W. Deakin and E. W. Simmonds (skip); H. McKay, M. Scott, V. S. Ebbage and M. N. Rakusen (skip); P. D. Crawley, W. H. E. Colledge, M. E. Purvis and J. F. McGowan (skip).

ELECTRIC R.C.

Third Division (v Hong Kong F.C., away):—W. E. Macfarlane, R. F. Gregory, A. G. Gardner and L. de Rome (skip); A. P. Tarbuck, E. L. Groomer, J. K. Sloan and A. F. Paul (skip); R. A. Owens, C. B. Gahagan, R. C. Butler and J. F. Lunny (skip). Reserves: W. Stoker, J. R. Way and W. Stonehouse.

Dr. A. L. Tsai has been granted permission to play for Craigengower Cricket Club in Third Division of Lawn Tennis League. Dr. Tsai played for University in First Division against South China when University lost by 6 sets to 3.

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INCREASING GRAVITY OF SITUATION

The international situation is even more serious than the general public understands and is rapidly becoming more serious, stated Mr. May, Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Military Committee, after leaving an executive session of the committee in Washington yesterday.

MURDER CHARGE

An odd job electrician, Chan Tong, 31, was before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, on charge of the murder of Chung Yan, alias Chung Kwok-ming. It was alleged that accused, with another man not in custody, attacked the deceased in First Street at about 7.45 p.m. on July 14. Deceased died in Queen Mary Hospital a few days later. Accused was remanded until Saturday.

FATAL ACCIDENT

A fatal accident occurred at the junction of Matauwei Road and Pak Tai Street yesterday afternoon when bus No. 651 knocked down and fatally injured a seven-year-old boy.

Ultimatum Not Doubted

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THERE IS LITTLE REASON TO DOUBT THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE NEWS THAT JAPAN HAS GIVEN VICHY AN ULTIMATUM ABOUT INDO-CHINA ALTHOUGH NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN LONDON.

Seeing that the Japanese are already installed in northern Indo-China, it will not be easy to prevent from spreading to the southern half.

It is probable, however, that the occupation of Indo-China is not an end in itself for the Japanese Government.

Rather is it likely that they will use it as a jumping-off ground for their vaster plans of imperialist expansion.

Whether they will travel southwards against the Dutch, East Indies or westwards against Thailand, in the hope of ultimately severing the Burma road lifeline of Chungking is in the lap of the gods, but it is clear that a move in either direction will constitute a direct menace to British and American interests and will doubtless be weighed very carefully by Japan before she embarks upon any action.

The situation is being closely watched both in London and Washington and the two Governments have been in constant consultation with regard to all possible developments.

The Australian and the other Dominion Governments have also taken part in these exchanges of views. — Reuter.

Argylls Go For A Walk

One of the longest route marches ever undertaken by the forces in Malaya has just been completed by a battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who covered 140 miles from Mersing to Singapore, of which 110 miles of actual marching was over difficult jungle paths and soft, sandy beaches.

The march lasted seven days and provided most valuable training in both coastal defence and jungle warfare. In the words of the Commanding Officer, it went to show that any attempts to land by the enemy will always be unsuccessful.

As regards the actual march, the officer said: "We can do it again, anytime." There was no end of the journey feeling, as the various platoons went off almost immediately for further extensive training. — Reuter.

CRYPTIC PETAIN SPEECH

"We shall again perhaps have to defend our colonies," said Marshal Petain addressing students at Aix-en-Provence Military Academy yesterday.

"IF ANY NEW ADVENTURES SHOULD EVER BE UNDERTAKEN I HOPE WE SHALL FACE THEM WITH THE SAME ENERGY AND VIGOUR AS WAS SHOWN IN SYRIA."

"We are obliged to protect our colonies and the whole of our Colonial Empire on which our neighbours have their eyes."

"We must be able to defend it, and we must be ready for all eventualities." — Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

Fifteen cholera cases were notified in the 24 hours ended at midnight. There were also eight cases of dysentery and six of cholera, and 63 of tuberculosis. Of the cholera cases, five occurred in Victoria, eight in Kowloon, one from Shaokwan and one from the harbour.

The Japanese Embassy declares that visas for travel to Japan are being issued as usual, says Reuter from Peiping.

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GERMANS CHECKED AT SMOLENSK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Indications from both German and Russian sources are that in violent fighting in the last 24 hours, the Germans have failed to broaden the salient in the Smolensk sector.

Most significant feature of the German High Command communiqué is a reference to Soviet counter-attacks in this crucial sector, which the Germans claim were defeated, while tacitly admitting that they have been thrown on the defensive.

Another sharp counter-offensive has been started by the Red Army on the Finnish battlefield between Lakes Ladoga and Onega.

The German High Command claims that a Nazi panzer spearhead thrust has reached a point 170 miles from Moscow. — International News Service.

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